

2022 Annual Newsletter from Ichthus Ministries

.....Greetings from the Great Smoky Mountains!.....

Hello, dear friends and family. The **Dingle Family** and **Ichthus Ministries** would like to wish you all a blessed and healthy Christmas holiday. May you all walk in a new season of experiencing God's abundant joy, presence, and shalom. This past year has been jam packed with ministry, adventures, hard work, and laughter. We are so blessed to be able to do what we do, and live where we live!



We are grateful that it seems the most difficult season of covid has passed. This year Ichthus hosted **21 groups** at the **Retreat Center**! Just when one starts to think that a building that old and unimpressive might be past its usefulness, God shows up in mighty ways there - drawing people to Himself and His love. Just last week two young girls came up to me and thanked us for providing such a wonderful place for their youth group to come and experience God. (Only the 1st day did anyone complain about no cell service. 😊) We receive so much joy watching young people connect again with each other and just have fun.



The two **Guesthouses** have also been really busy, as we continue to host pastors and their families, free of charge. One pastor from AL was in tears when he left because he had been so refreshed. Praise God! The Weathers family has also dedicated themselves to remodeling the Haven House. Jim has replaced windows, doors, and rebuilt the porch, to name a few things! Praise God for the help He sends at just the right times.



The **Dingle** family was blessed with a good year of productivity, good food, outdoor adventures, schooling, church life, athletics, farming, and a lot of goofy fun! Let me tell you, five young adults in the house (with Bill Dingle) add up to a lot of laughs!



Emma and **Reah** are in their senior and sophomore years at WCU. We are still amazed at God's provision for them to be there. They are making great grades and staying active in the campus ministry out of our church.



Lydia and **David** are both at Swain High School, in the 11th and 9th grades. Lydia is still loving her art studio, and David excels at math. He enjoys jumping and throwing the discus in track and field. **Elijah** attends Swain Middle, half a day, for the 7th grade. He still enjoys Minecraft and squirrel hunting.

We want to **THANK** you all for the many ways you love and support us at Ichthus! We couldn't do it without you. **Matthew 24:42-46** Let us keep watch together, serve others with His Word, and keep oil ready for our lamps, until we see His glorious face.