

Merry Christmas from Icthus Ministries and the Dingles

We pray that you all are well, and that you are experiencing the goodness of God in ever increasing ways this holiday season! You are receiving this annual newsletter because you are very dear to us and to Icthus Ministries. Every year we are more humbled by how you serve us and the kingdom of God. This year has been amazing, and we have witnessed so many hearts being touched by God. What a privilege we have as sons and daughters of the King to participate in His work. It is fitting that this is the **40th** anniversary of the founding of Icthus Ministries, since this has been a year of spiritual and physical growth. Our 2025 calendar was loaded with youth retreats, men's and ladies' retreats, mission work retreats, and families using the guesthouses. And as usual, the Dingle home had a revolving door - sometimes for surprise guests, but mostly for hungry teenagers. More and more we see a spiritual hunger in all who come to Icthus. It is a sign that God is speaking and ministering to His children everywhere. We pray, like the Apostle Paul, "that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!" 2 Cor. 13:14

This year we want to highlight some folks who have been instrumental in the work here at Icthus. Dan and Naomi Cathey started Icthus Ministries in 1985, with the help of their children - Belinda, Benita, and Sam. Dan and Naomi are now with the Lord, but their fruit continues! Bill took over in 1990, and he and Edith have experienced innumerable blessings. This year so many have served Icthus in various ways. Austin Ennis graciously gave of his time and talents to complete work projects and other maintenance issues. Sardis Baptist Church sent work crews and financial gifts that have been significant for the work here. Eddie Cook took it upon himself to remove a large fallen tree out of the baptizing hole. Trent Wallace and Mike Southard redesigned our website! Check it out! www.ictusministries.com

We also have the wonderful expectation of continued ministry with the Palmer family, and with the Sanchez family that seeks to join our permanent staff next year!! Please pray for our 3 families! (Between us we have 13 children!!) Praise God!!!



The Palmer Family



The Sanchez Family



Life has been “real” at the Dingle household! It’s so much fun watching young adults step into the plans that the Lord has for them. We are grateful for His blessings! In February Bill had a total knee replacement surgery on his right knee. Praise God he is doing well. He and Edith were blessed by Kent and Karen Williams with the use of their guesthouse in Nov. It was a blessed personal retreat! Emma received her Master’s Degree and went to Ireland with UNC Greensboro. Reah graduated from WCU and is now teaching 5th grade at Swain West Elem. Lydia continues to amaze all with her artistic gifts, and she is working hard. David is a senior at Swain High School, and he is enjoying carpentry and throwing the discus. Elijah is a sophomore, and he is playing multiple sports. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. So many of you give generously to Ichthus, and we are very grateful! We hope to see you in 2026!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! “To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence, without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen!
Jude 1: 24 - 25