



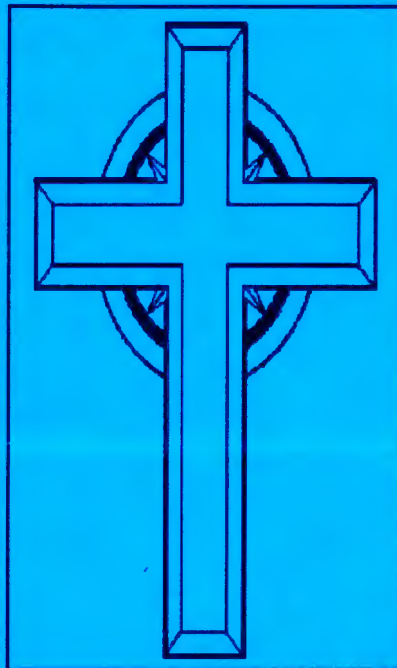
AN OUTREACH TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FAMILY OF FAITH MCC

January 1997

**RAIN TRAINING**

I am once again making a plea for more volunteers to take the time to take the RAIN Training classes to be held January 13, 14 & 15 from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Please pre-register by January 10th by calling the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network at 749-4195. There will be limited seats available. They will also tell you the location of this training session.

Our RAIN Team has been an active part of this church since its' beginning and because of members moving out of state or suffering from burn-out, we are down to seven team members, just barely enough to take on a new client. A healthy team should have about fourteen members to avoid burn-out or being overactive with a client. Please be reassured that no one is asked to do anything that they feel uncomfortable doing. I cannot begin to express how strongly you are needed in this area. There is about a six month waiting list for clients wanting or needing a RAIN Team. The short time requested of you weekly or bi-weekly makes a really big difference in a client's day. Just knowing that someone cares. And hugs don't spread AIDS!

*(Continued on page 2)***WISH LIST**

A Pop Machine

Piano

Sound System Floor  
Monitor

CD Player

Cards &amp; Stamps

**WEEKLY****Sundays**

9:15 am Adult Ed.

11:00 am Worship Service

**Wednesdays**6:30 P.M. Praise & Wor-  
ship

7:30 P.M. Choir

**Thursdays**7:30 P.M. Co-Dependency  
Group**MONTHLY**1st Sunday of Month  
Potluck1st Friday of each Month  
SAFE HAVEN  
(ages 18-30)2nd Sunday of each Month  
Board Meeting  
(open to all)10th of each Month  
Newsletter Articles Due3rd Wednesday of each  
Month  
Newsletter Mailing

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Please pray about this ministry and let God help you decide. What better act of kindness can you give than to join a RAIN Team and share your love!

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### AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP



#### SPOTLIGHT ON THE SOUTH-CENTRAL DISTRICT COORDINATOR, REV. ELEANOR NEALY

The Rev. Eleanor Nealy has been an active member of the UFMCC since 1983. She has been active in the MCC New York congregation for the past several years. She has been employed secularly as the Director of Project Connect (a drug and alcohol program) at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. As Chair of the Spiritual Development Committee, she has proven to be an excellent organizer, facilitator, and administrator, as well as a gifted teacher. Her pastor, the Rev. Pat Baumgardner, shares with us that Eleanor's understanding of the spiritual and emotional needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-gender community, coupled with her pastor's heart and skills as a counselor, have made her an exceptional leader both at the church and in the wider community. She has also served the District as a member of the District Clergy Review Committee and the new Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM). Prior to her membership and staff work at MCC New York, Eleanor served as the solo pastor of MCC Christ the Liberator in New Jersey. Her skills in the pulpit and classroom reveal a person of tremendous insight, wisdom and vision.

Join Rev. Eleanor Nealy and the congregation for a special even on Saturday, January 11th! See more details in the newsletter.



- Carol and Family, who are dealing with AIDS
- MCC of Greater Tulsa's pastoral search
- Family of Faith's pastoral search
- Deb Hardy, who has AIDS
- for the loss of Data's sister and brother-in-law's daughter, Lynn

Now is a great time to join the Family of Faith Choir. Starting in January the choir will be preparing for the Easter Concert! 7:30 on Wednesdays

## POT LUCK DINNER

## 1st SUNDAY EACH MONTH

During the week of January 19th there will be two seminars offered to the congregation.

A local attorney will be presenting a seminar on legal issues for our community.

Kath Sutherland will be presenting a seminar on finances.

Keep your ears open for more information!



# Bowling

The Social Team has scheduled a Bowling night for Saturday, January 4th. Meet at Family of Faith at 6:00 P. M. and we will caravan to the bowling alley!

**Family of Faith MCC**  
**South-Central District Coordinator,**  
*Rev. Eleanor Nealy*  
**Saturday, January 11, 1997!**



**Join  
Us!**

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| <b>3:00</b> | <b>Board Meeting</b>  |
| <b>4:30</b> | <b>Pastoral Search<br/>Committee Meeting</b>                |
| <b>5:30</b> | <b>Worship &amp; Council of<br/>Ministries Meeting</b>      |
| <b>6:30</b> | <b>Potluck Dinner,<br/>Open Forum<br/>&amp; Socializing</b> |

## ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

by Nancy M.

Driving home from Claremore a few weeks ago, I suddenly realized that I couldn't remember crossing the Kerr-McKleelan waterway bridge. I was suddenly in Catoosa, with no idea how I had gotten there. While I'm sure that I'm not the only person that this has happened to, this was the first time that I couldn't remember anything! The experience was therefore a little frightening (was I really that deep in thought, or was I simply comatose - while **driving?** ), and more than a little disorientating. Where was I? What time was it? Did I need to stop for gasoline? After re-orientating myself, I started to consider how, as a child, I enjoyed looking out the back window of the car on the long family vacations that we used to take. I can remember thinking that it was more important to know where I had been, than to see where I was going. I don't think that those thoughts were that "deep" for the child that I was, I think that I might have wanted to tell my little friends that yes, "I had **been** to Oregon"! However, as adults, I think that we may put too much importance on planning and dreaming of where we are going, instead of remembering and learning from where we have been. The past is the only thing that we can truly learn our lessons from, the only thing that can lead us through the flux of the present to the future that we desire. As Christians, we not only have our personal past to draw our lessons from, we have a biblical past to turn to also. By reading the bible, we have the lessons of Jesus' life experiences and the lessons of his parables to guide us into our future. We can also tell our friends that yes, " We have **been** to Bethlehem"!

( Note: I hope to continue this "column" on a periodic (spasmodic ?) basis. If you have any ideas that you'd like to see discussed, please tell me or Nancy C.)



## Preeesenting...

A Dynamic Workshop  
facilitated by

**Rev. Cindy Solomon**

SACRED LIGHT OF CHRIST MCC, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Saturday, January 25, 1997

10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

### "Creating & Maintaining a Healthy Church!"

*dealing with destructive conflict and moving towards the positive...*

♥ Real Life Examples Proven to Work ♥

Cost: \$5.<sup>00</sup>

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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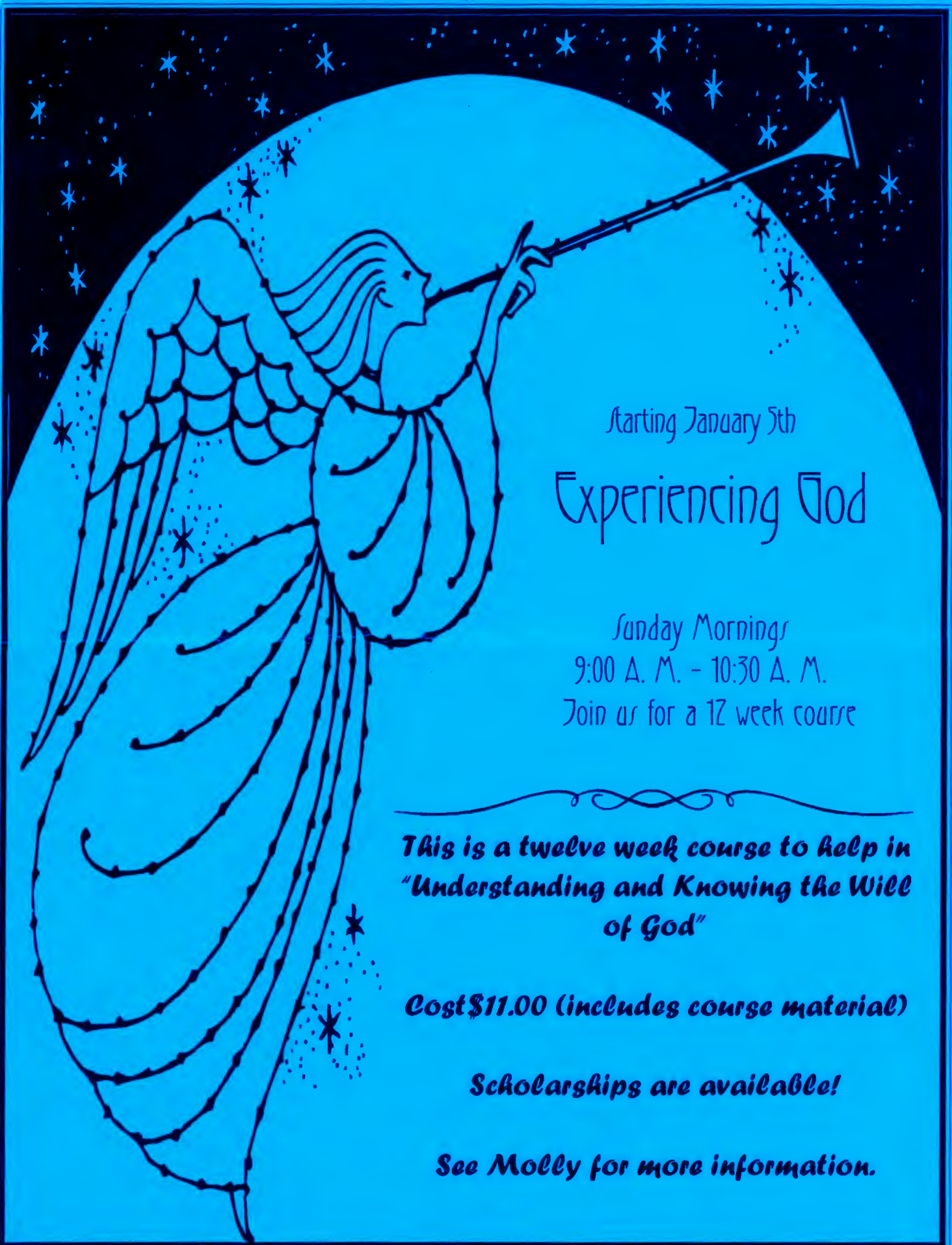
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Chilli Lunch

at the church!

Reading the book, "Antagonist in the Church", by Kenneth C. Haugk will be helpful but not required.

You may order books at Mardel's or Baptist Book Store for \$12.99. (allow five to six days for delivery)  
You can order on your own or place your name on the sign-in sheet located on the bulletin board at the back of the church. FOF will order by January 15, 1997. For more information see Datha.



Starting January 5th

## Experiencing God

Sunday Mornings

9:00 A. M. - 10:30 A. M.

Join us for a 12 week course

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***This is a twelve week course to help in  
"Understanding and Knowing the Will  
of God"***

***Cost \$11.00 (includes course material)***

***Scholarships are available!***

***See Molly for more information.***

# January

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*Sun*

*Mon*

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*Wed*

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*Fri*

*Sat*

			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Co-Dependency Mtg</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>SAFE HAVEN</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>FOF Bowling Meet at FAMILY of Faith 6:00</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>11:00 am Worship Potluck after Worship!</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Co-Dependency Mtg</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>District Coordinator Meetings Detail in Newsletter!</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Worship Team Mtg 7:00</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Fund Raising Mtg 7:00</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>5:30 Newsletter Mailing 6:30 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Co-Dependency Mtg</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>11:00 am Worship Children's Ministry</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Co-Dependency Mtg</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Seminar Antagonist in the Church 7:00</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Ministry Sunday! 11:00 am Worship</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Service 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:30 PM Co-Dependency Mtg</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	

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