

WE LAID THE BRICKS IN 2006

The past year, as I compiled photo albums, made picture pages (such as this) and designed the newsletter formats, I noticed that our church had laid bricks for the foundation of coming years. For example: After years of no after school program for the youth, we started another one called Close Encounters. We held the first Lovilia Talent show, preserved our history with a website and grew closer together as a congregation in the process. As you look at the pictures following this, I'm sure you'll see it too. So many new things and new faces bring hope that we can only repeat and then some for 2007. I hope you enjoy the last of the bricks of 2006.

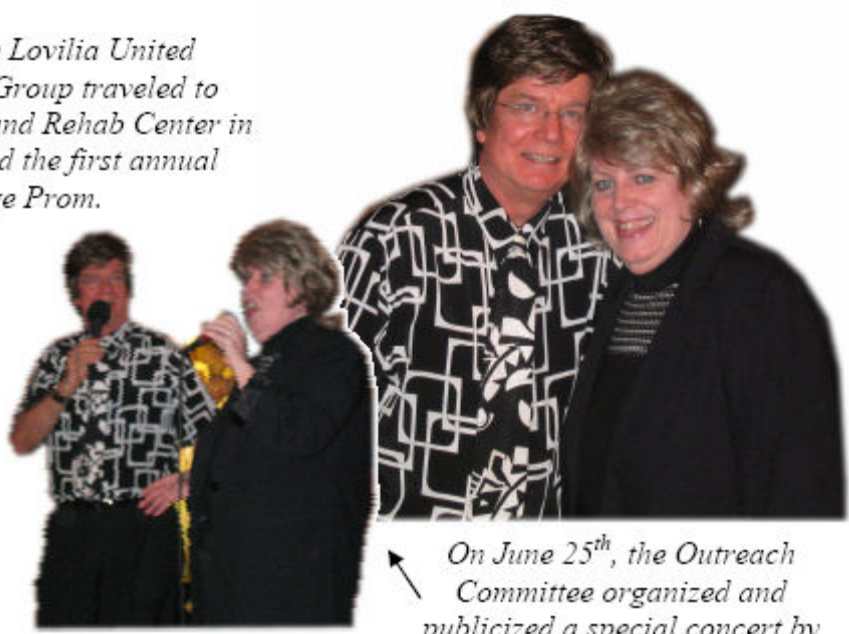
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On June 3rd, the Lovilia United Methodist Youth Group traveled to Westridge Nursing and Rehab Center in Knoxville and held the first annual Westridge Prom.

SonTreasure Island Bible School was held July 25-28 at the BUMC.

With snacks, crafts, interactive lessons, Games and songs, it couldn't have been any better.



On June 25th, the Outreach Committee organized and publicized a special concert by Frankie and Phyllis Valens.



What an achievement! All three of our Sunday School teachers were nominated for Sunday School Teacher of the Year in 2006. Linda Weldon appeared in the top 100. These three ladies were all honored in a special service on October 15th.



The first annual Lovilia Talent show was held on September 17th at the LUMC. The Outreach Committee put on an ice cream social for all performers, their friends and family and guests. A perfect night of sweets both to the ear and the tastes.





On November 12th, the newly formed Pass It On parish youth group traveled to Spinnin' Wheels for an afternoon of skating.



Pass It On joined the BUMC in their worship service at Westridge in Knoxville on December 10th. The extra voices made the Christmas carols even more enjoyable.



Just six days later on the 16th, Pass It On traveled to Ottumwa to visit Heartland Humane Society, an animal shelter. They spent the day there giving the animals company and donated a LOT of food, litter, etc.



Pass It On ended their year the next day on December 17th with a Christmas Party which they started out by caroling around town. Each person they caroled to received a handmade Christmas card. As always, they ended their meeting with a prayer circle.



The last photos of the year were taken at the final meeting of Close Encounters on December 27th from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. At this four-hour finale, the students closed off their lessons on Creation, played many games, had a snack and lunch and made crafts which they took home with them. Close Encounters will resume their fun-filled adventures in February.

You can view all of our photos from 2006 on our newly designed website at lumc.webs.com

If you would like pictures taken at an event for the website or newsletter, contact Nathan Chamberlain.

Let's reach for the heavens in 2007!

