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Teamwork

Commerce UMC is alive and thriving. It is clear God is moving in and through us. To date, there have been half a dozen babies born to us. Baptisms abound. By the end of next month, we will have a total of over 20 new members join this year. What an exciting time to be in ministry!

Because I am the pastor of the church, I am often credited with the positives that we see. So, I have received many compliments and words of encouragement. I truly appreciate all the kind words. During a recent meeting with our District Superintendent, I was nearly blushing because our Staff Parish Relationships Committee kept singing my praises.

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Entertainment	Kids Activities	Rummage Sale
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