

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: Calvary Baptist Church of Noblesville, IN

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 664, Noblesville, IN 46061

Phone: 317-501-3304

Federal Tax ID#: 35-1673411

Name of Region: ABC-IN/KY

Contact person (person completing this form): Patricia Emerick

Email of contact person: pae7823@yahoo.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Calvary Baptist Church Mission Board

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

We plan to purchase as many \$40.00 shoe gift cards as possible for students in need at a local elementary school. (see attached for more information)

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

Since the homeless and low income population within our schools is on the rise, our "New Soles for Little Souls" mission continues with hope of making a huge impact this year. The number of students attending school with inadequate footwear is increasing. These children suffer from discomfort, embarrassment and are often unable to participate in daily school activities. Through adequate, comfortable footwear, we aim to enhance a child's ability to focus and learn throughout the day. In addition, we hope to provide increased self esteem to children and peace of mind to their parents. Elivating the burden of footwear costs for our disadvantaged families allows them to direct their limited funds to more immediate necessities. All of this indirectly results in both parents and children becoming better contributors, emotionally and financially, to their communities.

5. Total cost of the project: The total cost of the project is pending at this time. The only costs associated are the amount of the gift cards themselves. Time and travel costs are donated by our mission committee. Therefore, the cost is directly related to the amount of grant monies and donations received, along with any funds raised.
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00
7. List other funding source(s): Public fundraising events, private donors.
8. Please submit along with your application a copy of:
 - Your mission statement.
 - A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) Calvary Baptist Church of Noblesville, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): Patricia Emerick (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 08/25/2018

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) PAE

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

New Soles for Little Souls

Several years ago, a teacher of a local elementary made our Mission Board aware of a surprising number of students with inadequate footwear to participate in daily school activities. This year, **we became aware of an increasing number of low-income families, along with a 30% increase in homeless students alone.** Noblesville is located in Hamilton County, which is, stereotypically, considered a “wealthy” community. This is why we feel our lower income families are often overlooked and in need of love and care.

These students struggle to focus on and participate in daily activities due to inadequate, uncomfortable footwear. While it may seem simple, a new pair of shoes provides happiness, the ability to participate/exercise, comfort and peace of mind for students. New shoes enhance a student's confidence and eases the mind of parents who might not be able to provide for their children. This gift also lets them know that some anonymous person values, loves and cares for their needs. All of these create healing within communities.

To our knowledge, no other organization is specifically addressing the footwear needs of students in our school system. Our connection to the school administration as well as school counselors allows us to know the needs at each elementary. School counselors report to us the joy on the children's faces when they receive the new shoes. Gift cards are given to schools by the end of November each school year in order for the purchase of shoes prior to winter. Whether we are able to provide 1 pair of shoes, 100 pairs, or 1,000, we know we are serving our Lord, our community and the students attending our schools.

With an ambitious goal of providing over 200 pairs of shoes this year, we are striving for a budget of \$8,000.00. In order to do this, increased our number of public fundraisers and are prayerfully considering local partners to approach with this need.

Calvary Baptist Church - Mission Statement

"The purpose of this Church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It shall seek to attain this calling through the public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, consistent Christian living by its members, personal evangelism, mission endeavors and Christian education."

Page 1, Article II Church Constitution.

Calvary Baptist Board of Mission - Mission Statement

"This board shall be responsible for preparing and administering the missionary programs of the church, educating the church and keeping it apprised of said programs, promote mission offerings of our American Baptist work and other such mission causes as deemed worthy."

Page 8, Section 2 -7, Church Constitution.

Shoe Mission Budget

Income Goal:	Potential Grant Monies: \$5000.00
	Potential Partners: \$2000.00
	<u>Fundraisers: \$1000.00</u>
	Total: \$8,000.00

Expenses:	200 Shoe Gift Cards x \$40.00 each = \$8,000.00
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