

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



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. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

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 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: First Baptist Church of Bluffton, Indiana

Mailing Address: 202 W. Cherry St. Bluffton, IN 46714

Phone: 260-824-1558

Federal Tax ID#: 35-6000383

Name of Region: Indiana-Kentucky

Contact person (person completing this form): Les Cantrell

Email of contact person: lescantrell777@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No Does not give to UM

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?

New Dimensions Class

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.

To purchase 250 pairs of new shoes to distribute to less fortunate children returning to school.

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?

It's embarrassing for students to go to school in old or worn out shoes. We want to provide every student in our county and surrounding area the opportunity to wear a nice pair of shoes to school.

5. Total cost of the project: \$4000.00 (250 pairs of shoes x \$16.00 per pair)

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1000.00

7. List other funding source(s): Church Mission Budget - \$650; Fund Raisers - \$2350.00

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) First Baptist Church, 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): Les Cantrell (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 21, 2017

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 2017 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?

Further Explanation

GOOD NEWS SHOES

Three years ago we distributed 68 pairs of new shoes to students. Two years ago we distributed 123 pairs of new shoes. Last year we encountered rainy weather and distributed 93 pairs of shoes. A couple of weeks ago we distributed 209 pairs of new shoes. Here are the before and after photos of our recent Good News Shoes event. Unfortunately we had to turn children away because we either ran out of their size or did not have the larger boys' sizes in 10 - 12.



First Baptist Church:

Strategically positioned for growth and service

Current Strategic Priorities

Cultivating Intimacy with God	Connecting With Other Christians	Causing Influence in Our World
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Mission Statement

We envision that our Good News Shoes Distribution fulfills all three of First Baptist Church's current strategic priorities.

- 1). Our mission will help those involved connect with God on a deeper level as we see the LORD work.
- 2). Our Shoe Distribution will again be held at a joint countywide "Duck Race" where other civic organizations and churches provide various services. We will work together with them all to serve our community.
- 3). Most importantly, we will cause a positive influence in our world by shining the light and love of Jesus; we plan to shine Christ's love by giving away shoes to students free of charge – no questions asked and no proof of income required.

Proposed Budget

Wells and Adams County Shoe Distribution	Indiana
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2018 Projected Income

Grant from First Baptist Church, Bluffton	650.00
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Fund Raisers	2350.00
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- Ice Cream Social (Scheduled 9/17/17)
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Mt. 25 ABCUSA Grant	1000.00
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Total Projected Income	<hr/> \$4000.00
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2018 Projected Expenditures

250 pairs of children/youth shoes x \$16.00 per pair (average)	\$4000.00
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