

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 Shelburn

Mailing Address: 520 W Mill Street, Shelburn, IN 47879

Phone: 812-397-5595

Federal Tax ID#: 35-0976727

Name of Region: Indiana & Kentucky

Contact person (person completing this form): Cheryl Kemp

Email of contact person: ckemp@fbcshelburn.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?

Shelburn Community Kitchen

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 provide a weekly hot meal free of charge to people in our community

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?

By providing a nutritious dinner once a week for families within our community, we hope to alleviate some of the financial burden of feeding the family and individuals.

5. Total cost of the project: \$15,000 + per year

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

7. List other funding source(s): Budgeted church income and designated gifts from members & friends

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 of Shelburn, 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): Cheryl Kemp (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 08/17/17

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?

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3. Use of Funds / Ministry Description

Recognizing that one of the most basic needs of our local community was for assistance in providing food for their families, six years ago our church embarked on a mission to help alleviate this need by implementing the Shelburn Community Kitchen Ministry. Every Tuesday evening at 5:30pm we open the doors of our Ministry Center to the community for a free nutritious hot meal. Hosted by teams of volunteers (there are no paid staff positions for this ministry), our meals are offered with no restrictions for attendance, no questions asked, and participants are not obligated to our church in any way. We also deliver 15-20 meals every week to elderly shut-ins within the community. Based on a rotating schedule of 12 different meals, we serve until the food runs out or until everyone's hunger is satisfied—at least for this one night.

Six years later we are excited and blessed to report that this ministry is still going strong; in fact, our numbers continue to grow as more and more people learn about this opportunity for their families. We serve approximately 175+ meals every Tuesday evening, with guests coming from all around Sullivan County. Our local Shelburn community remains one of the poorest areas in Sullivan County, with the County itself having one of the highest unemployment rates, highest poverty rates, and highest rates of children receiving free or reduced lunches. While we realize that we cannot solve all the negative issues in our community, we have found that helping to provide a hot meal to families in our community seems to be making an impact and drawing ever larger numbers into our Ministry Center every week. We are seeing more and more young families with children participating, as well as older widowed men and women for whom this dinner offers a reprieve from loneliness and isolation, along with assistance to their fixed incomes.

This ministry has drawn others from our congregation to seek ways to minister to our community, aside from the basic meal provision. Some deliver homemade desserts every week, several bring in homegrown vegetables and fruits from their gardens to give away, and some folks come just to socialize with our guests and get to know our neighbors. Last year we also switched our mid-week services to Tuesday nights following the dinner to allow an opportunity for our guests to join us for Bible study, youth group, and children's ministry activities.

If we are blessed again with funds from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant, all of it will be used to purchase food and the other miscellaneous supplies that are needed to host the Community Kitchen dinners each week. We have witnessed firsthand the gratitude with which this ministry is received, and many have openly expressed how much these meals help with their family food budgets. Any financial assistance we receive will be designated specifically for the furtherance of this ministry, offering hope and help in a tangible way to the people of our community.

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8. Mission Statement:

The Shelburn First Baptist Church Community Kitchen Ministry exists to provide a visible example of God's command to love others as ourselves. It is our desire to impact our community by offering free weekly nutritious dinners to those who may be struggling on their own to do so, to impact the lives of our volunteers by offering an opportunity to serve others, and to provide social interaction opportunities between our church family and our local community.

Shelburn Community Kitchen Financial Statement:

Projected Budget for 2017¹

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Income		
FBCS Budget ²	\$12,000.00	
Current Designated Donations ³	65.76	
Expenses		
Food ⁴ (approx. \$250+/week) See Attached Menu List		\$12,500.00
Misc Consumables (Spices, Tea Bags, Lemonade, Condiments, Cooking Oil, etc)		1,000.00
Paper Products ⁵ (Table Covering, Take-Out Containers, Foil Pans, Crock Pot/Roaster Liners, Portion Containers, Serving Gloves)		\$2,500.00
Total	\$12,065.76	\$16,000.00

Notes

¹Based on 50 weeks (Community Kitchen closes for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's)

²Allocated if needed, and funds are available.

³More is anticipated, but not guaranteed.

⁴Does not include desserts. Those are donated by church members.

⁵Plates, Cups, Napkins, and Utensils are provided by the church through our annual budgeted line item, Dinner Supplies.