

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA 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 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to *directly assist persons in poverty*. Ministries must be in a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region: First Baptist Church of Bluffton, Indiana

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: Indiana-Kentucky

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: New Dimensions Class

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2. Please submit 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.

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

We will purchase new shoes to distribute to less fortunate children returning to school in August. Two years ago we distributed 68 pairs. Last year we distributed 123 pairs. Our goal in 2016 is to distribute 150 pairs.

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

It's embarrassing for kids 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 new shoes to school when school starts in August of 2016.

5. Total cost of the project: \$2250.00 (150 pairs x \$15.00)

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$850.00

7. Your other funding source(s): Church - \$650.00; Fund Raisers - \$750

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. 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: Les Cantrell

Date: January 27, 2016

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

First Baptist Church:

Strategically positioned for growth and service

Vision: Disciples Making Disciples

A disciple is

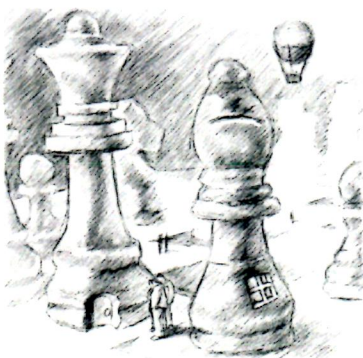
- A learner – has a teachable and receptive spirit
- A follower – willing to follow those who follow Christ
- A reproducer – equipped to develop others into disciples

Mission: Creating biblical disciples through relationships

→ FBC: "Where Friendships Happen"

Current Strategic Priorities

Cultivating intimacy with God	Connecting with other Christians	Causing influence in the world
Learn and begin to use the names of God in prayer and worship Invite people to share publically what God is doing in their lives	Create a gathering place near the sanctuary to connect Design a small group experience where people meet 4 times	Discover and do a short-term mission trip within 500 miles Care for and follow-up on visitors to FBC by Wednesday that week



Mission Statement (She attached vision and mission of First Baptist)

We envision that our Shoe Distribution initiative 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 be held at a joint countywide "Duck Race" where other civic organizations and churches also provide various services. We will work together with them.
- 3). Most importantly, we will cause a positive influence in our world by shining the light and love of Christ; 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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2016 Projected Income

Grant from First Baptist Church, Bluffton	650.00
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Fund Raisers	750.00
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- Potato Bar (Scheduled 1/31/16)
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Mt. 25 ABCUSA Grant	850.00
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Total Projected Income	<hr/> \$2250.00
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2016 Projected Expenditures

150 pairs of children/youth shoes x \$15.00 per pair (average)	\$2250.00
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