

## 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 relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION & EVANGELISIM BOARD

Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) FBC MISSION & EVANGELISM BOARD

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Contact person: Connie Brashaw

email: cjbjb7@yahoo.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

**"The Purpose of First Baptist Church is to love God and to share His love with this community and the world.**

- 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. **Do not really have a budget for this group. Money is given by Church and some donations from others.**

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project \$1,000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$750.00

6. Your other funding source(s) M & E Board Funds from Church

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 within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/26/15

Printed Name/Title Connie J. Brasahaw Treasurer

**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; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abcusa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abcusa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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*Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.*

*First Baptist Church Mission & Evangelism Board was made to serve the community, people outside our church family. We have been trying to live like a Missional Church and to serve others.*

*We have two projects we would like to do.*

- 1) To help serve meals to the homeless. There is a group called Brown Bag Ministry. A group of people get together and make a brown bag lunch. There is a sandwich, piece of fruit, bottled water and a cookie. They started out making 75 sandwiches once a month. They have increased that to 175+ and we would like to help them get supplies to continue this ministry for the homeless and people in need of a meal. They have been giving out all of the brown bags and even have people asking for help in other areas that they are trying to help with. We have even been able to supply some of the homeless with hats and scarves and blankets from volunteers at the Church to go along with the meal.*
- 2) We have a substance abuse treatment program place called Hightower Place. They give a home to the homeless women with their children while they are going through the program. There are many mothers and children that live in the small quarters. They have very little. They also help set them up in a place of their own when they have completed the program. We would like to give Christmas gifts for the home and the mothers and children that live there.*

*I pray that you will consider our application.*

*Thank you so much for your time and consideration.*

*In Christ,*

*Connie J. Brashaw  
Chair of Mission & Evangelism Board*

FBC  
Clinton, IA  
Past Budget information

In 2014 our Mission & Evangelism Board was able to do the following:

We donated baby clothes, diapers and supplies to our Pregnancy Center. Most was donated by the church but our board also included \$50.00 cash

We gave \$250.00 worth of Christmas presents to underprivileged children

\$200 was given to Brown Bag ministries from our Matthew 25 grant for sandwiches, fruit, water that they go out once a month and give out brown bag lunches. We are up to 175 each month. Brown bag also supplied, fire wood, blankets etc. for the homeless that live under our bridge.

\$300 went for pens, pencils, highlighters, folders, colors, erasers, Kleenex to the our grade school and middle schools. This was also from the Matthew 25 grant

\$100 was given to a student at Judson University toward a mission trip.

\$175 was given to help sponsor a Church softball league.