

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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name First Baptist Church of Shelburn
Affiliation with ABCUSA Indiana/Kentucky Region, Curry's Prairie Association
Address 520 W Mill Street, Shelburn, IN 47879
Phone 812-397-5595 Federal Tax ID# 35-0976727
Contact person Cheryl Kemp email ckemp@fbcshelburn.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

See Attached

- 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. 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 \$9,400.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) Church budget and designated gifts from church members

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) Cheryl L Kemp Date 02/23/2014

Printed Name/Title Cheryl L. Kemp, Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary

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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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Shelburn Community Kitchen

First Baptist Church

520 W Mill Street

Shelburn, IN 47879

2. a. Community Kitchen 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.

2. b. Community Kitchen Financial Statement

2013 Income & Expense Statement as of 12/31/13

	Income	Expenses
FBCS Budget	\$5,000.00	\$4,914.46
Donations	<u>\$3,853.92</u>	<u>\$3,495.38</u>
Total	\$8,853.92	\$8,409.84

Projected Budget for 2014*

	Projected Annual Expense
Food** (approx. \$150/week) See Attached Menu List	\$7,500.00
Misc Consumables (Spices, Tea Bags, Lemonade, Condiments, Cooking Oil, etc)	500.00
Paper Products*** (Table Covering, Take-Out Containers, Foil Pans, Crock Pot/Roaster Liners, Portion Containers, Serving Gloves)	\$1,400.00
Total	\$9,400.00

Notes

****Based on 50 weeks (Community Kitchen closes for the weeks of Christmas and New Years)***

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

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

3. Community Kitchen Use of Funds

As followers of Jesus, we at FBC Shelburn believe it is unacceptable that people go hungry in our community, especially since God has blessed us so much with plenty to share. The Shelburn community is located in Sullivan County, one of the areas of Indiana with the highest unemployment rates, highest poverty rates, and highest rates of children receiving free or reduced lunches. While we realize that we cannot alleviate all the negative issues in our community, we want to do as much as we can to impact the lives of those living right outside the doors of our church. To that end, the Shelburn Community Kitchen Ministry was born on April 12, 2011.

Recognizing the fact that one of the immediate needs of our community was for some assistance in putting food on the table, we opened our Ministry Center to anyone who wanted to come for a free nutritious meal in a safe, friendly environment. With teams of volunteers (there are no paid staff positions), we have been able to host a community dinner every Tuesday evening from 5:30pm to 7:00pm (or until the food runs out), varying each week from a list of nine different menus (see attached). Each week the number of meals served ranges from approximately 70 to 120+. No one is turned away, and so far we have been able to provide enough food for everyone who attends, often including second and third servings. We also deliver 10 to 18 meals weekly to the local senior citizens housing units and other shut-ins in the community. There are no questions asked or restrictions for attendance, and participants are not obligated to our church in any way.

One of the unexpected benefits of this ministry has been the social interaction opportunities it offers to both community and church members. In addition to helping to alleviate hunger, the Community Kitchen dinner gives participants a place to gather to visit with friends, relatives, and folks from our church. Many of those who attend are older widowed men and women for whom this dinner offers a reprieve from loneliness or isolation. It also, on occasion, offers opportunities for local teenagers to fulfill community service hours within a well-chaperoned and Christian atmosphere.

If we are blessed 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.

Shelburn Community Kitchen Menu List

Week 1: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls
Drinks & Dessert

Week 2: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Cole Slaw
Drinks & Dessert

Week 3: Chicken Breasts & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls
Drinks & Dessert

Week 4: Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Applesauce, Rolls
Drinks & Dessert

Week 5: Ham Slices, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cottage Cheese & Peaches,
Rolls, Drinks & Dessert

Week 6: Pulled Port BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pickle Spear,
Chips, Drinks & Dessert

Alternate Week 6 Menu (Winter Months):

Chili Soup & Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches (Ham, Turkey, Peanut Butter),
Chips, Pickle Spear, Drinks & Dessert

Week 7: Ham & Beans, Cornbread, Tater Tot Casserole, Applesauce
Drinks & Dessert

Week 8: Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast Stix & Syrup, Fruit
Drinks & Dessert

Week 9: Tacos (Beef & Chicken), Chips & Nacho Cheese, Refried Beans, Corn
Casserole, Spanish Rice
Drinks & Dessert