

## 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 Pratt, Ks.**  
Affiliation with ABCUSA **Yes, Church**  
Address **121 S. Ninnescah, Pratt, Ks. 67124**  
Phone **620-672-2401** Federal Tax ID# **48-521692**  
Contact person **Pastor Steven DeBerry** email **sdeberry@cox.net**
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. 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 **\$4224.00**
5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant **\$3200.00**
6. Your other funding source(s) **\$1024.00 Congregation member**

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 8/22/2014

Printed Name/Title Steven DeBerry, Pastor

### 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](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



**1. 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.)**

We currently pick up and return to their respective homes between 15 to 30 youth each Sunday evening for youth group. We have a time of teaching about faith, followed by a time to eat, and then a play time. In many of these children's lives we may be providing the only meal they get that day. The majority are from some kind of fractured homes. This includes physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. Some come from split homes or single parent homes. Some have a parent that is abusing alcohol or drugs or both. Some live with grandparents due to no parent availability or access.

In many cases we are the only safe and disciplined caring people in their lives. We are trying to reach the youth of these mostly impoverished or broken homes to help them grow up to have choices and become aware of them. The poverty level of some of these families is great and in need of aide, but they are unwilling or unable to accept help. Our purpose is to give them a caring, loving and safe place to be so they may enjoy something other than what is placed upon them by family or situation outside of their control.

The funds you supply will allow us to continue on helping any and all that come to us or that we find and bring. We are always on the lookout for someone that might need this help. The food is a small, but significant part of this ministry as it shows there are no strings attached to our love. We actually have parents calling us to find out what we are having to decide if they will allow their kids to come or not. It is making a difference as the kids that come are our greatest resource to reaching others in like circumstances and need. We are blessed to be able to do this, but our funds are being stretched to the point of choosing how to use what little we have in the best way.

We get upwards of 30 kids which also includes young adults from the local Arrowhead West organization. These youth all have special needs of one kind or another and have fun being with people that think at a similar level as they do. The younger kids enjoy the fellowship with them also and they all have fun. I understand that not all requests will be honored and know there are many more in the world in worst shape I just want to do what little we can for the local kids that often are forgotten over these other issues that are important also.

In Christ,

Pastor Steven DeBerry, MDiv

**Mission Statement:** We use our Preamble from our Constitution and By-Laws as our Vision and Mission Statements.

**PREAMBLE**

Whereas: It is the purpose of this church to promote the advancement of the reign of God in human life and relationships through the public worship of God, by influencing people to a personal acceptance of Jesus as Savior and Lord; by Christian education for both young and old; by Christian fellowship; and by missionary and philanthropic endeavor, we, the members of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution and By-Laws, to which we voluntarily submit ourselves.

**Proposed Budget for Youth Group Ministry - 2015**

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| Food purchase:          | \$3200.00               |
| Bottled Water:          | \$ 280.00               |
| Kool-Aide mix:          | \$ 624.00               |
| Paper Plates:           | \$ 70.00                |
| Paper Towels:           | \$ 50.00                |
| <b>Total Projected:</b> | <b><u>\$4224.00</u></b> |

This should feed approximately 25 to 30 kids per Sunday evening youth group gathering.