

## 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 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, check will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Church or Region: **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Jacksonville, Illinois**  
Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: **ABC Great Rivers Region, Area 2**  
Address **1701 Mound Road, Jacksonville, IL 62650**  
Phone **217-245-6119 or 217-370-7967** Federal Tax ID# **37-0724097**  
Contact person **Kimberly Runkle** email **kimrunkle@fbcjaxil.org**

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement **(see next page)**
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement **(see next page)**

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds? **(see page 3)**

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? **(see page 3)**

5. Total cost of the project **Undetermined – we plan to use all funds and/or products donated to The Personal Needs Pantry for the care of those who need our services – there are no overhead costs and there is no foreseeable end date.**

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

7. Your other funding source(s) **Solely donations from our congregation and community; there is no provision in our church budget for The Personal Needs Pantry. A listing of large contributions is included in the financial statement narrative.**

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 **February 25, 2016**

Printed Name/Title **Kimberly J. Runkle, Personal Needs Pantry Director**

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

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### **Question 2a: Mission Statement**

In accordance with directives given by the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 15:11, Proverbs 28:27, Matthew 25:34-45, James 2:15-16, 1 Timothy 6:18 and 1 John 3:17-19) the mission of the Personal Needs Pantry is to provide families in our community who are struggling with job loss, financial instability or poverty a way to obtain basic necessities, allowing them to maintain personal dignity and a healthy home environment.

### **Question 2b: Financial Statement**

The Personal Needs Pantry is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Illinois that is supported entirely by special offerings and product donations from our congregation and community. As such, we do not have a budget or financial statement for this project. Statements of income and expense for the calendar year 2015 are included with this application.

In 2015, the Personal Needs Pantry received financial contributions of \$8,470.07 and spent \$7,404.42 for supplies (inventory). In addition to the Matthew 25 Grant, we held a trivia night that generated \$687.00, received contributions from a college dodge ball tournament in the amount of \$135.00 and from a local Rotary club for \$500.00. Support from our church family totaled approximately \$4,150.00.

Purchases were made in bulk from local retailers and a Chicago-based wholesaler to reduce cost and stretch funding as much as possible. In addition, an undetermined amount of product donations supplemented our purchases. With these measures, we have reduced our average visit cost to \$14.25. In 2015, the Pantry serviced 521 visits, a nearly 50% increase over the prior year. It is estimated that it will cost \$9,000-\$10,000 to sustain the Personal Needs Pantry in the year 2016.

*Note regarding expense statement (account activity): In the interest of full transparency, receipts for purchases and reimbursements listed on the expense statement will be provided promptly upon request.*

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## **Question 3: Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?**

First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Illinois, requests funds from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant to provide support to our outreach ministry, The Personal Needs Pantry. This ministry provides items that are not provided by a typical food pantry or covered by SNAP (food stamp) benefits. These are things such as: toilet paper, shampoo, soap, razors, shaving cream, tooth/oral care products, facial tissues, bandages, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products and other personal care and/or household cleaning items.

## **Question 4: How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?**

Funds given to the Personal Needs Pantry provides the non-food items listed above. These items can be expensive but are necessary to maintain quality of life, a healthy home environment, personal dignity, and the ability to present oneself appropriately to seek and maintain work.

Our mission has always been to serve any household needing our help, regardless of the reason. We open our doors to those receiving long-term assistance as well as those in short-term crisis. Increasingly, however, we are seeing a constituency that we have not previously serviced. This is due to the continued budget crisis affecting the State of Illinois. Many local businesses and non-profits rely on State funding or grants, and because those monies are essentially "in limbo" and not being paid until Illinois passes a budget, business and agencies are furloughing and/or laying off workers. This has caused a major uptick in the number of families reaching out for assistance. We feel called to help these families – any little bit of assistance we can provide means their limited income can go to other bills, thereby helping to avoid a situation of bankruptcy or homelessness.

In addition, our Pantry volunteers provide emotional support and prayer to those seeking our help and referrals to other assistance programs when needed.

	1536 Personal Needs Pantry	Total
01/04/2015	50.00	50.00
01/11/2015	150.00	150.00
01/18/2015	10.00	10.00
01/25/2015	185.00	185.00
02/01/2015	70.00	70.00
02/08/2015	30.00	30.00
02/15/2015	15.00	15.00
02/22/2015	105.00	105.00
03/01/2015	46.62	46.62
03/08/2015	180.00	180.00
03/15/2015	10.00	10.00
03/22/2015	20.00	20.00
03/29/2015	25.00	25.00
04/05/2015	80.00	80.00
04/12/2015	15.00	15.00
04/19/2015	5.00	5.00
04/26/2015	3,005.00	3,005.00
05/03/2015	80.00	80.00
05/10/2015	55.00	55.00
05/17/2015	335.00	335.00
05/24/2015	5.00	5.00
05/31/2015	5.00	5.00
06/07/2015	121.00	121.00
06/14/2015	5.00	5.00
06/21/2015	15.00	15.00
06/28/2015	5.00	5.00
07/05/2015	105.00	105.00
07/12/2015	10.00	10.00
07/19/2015	5.00	5.00
07/26/2015	5.00	5.00
08/02/2015	185.00	185.00
08/09/2015	115.00	115.00

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## Fund Summary

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	1536 Personal Needs Pantry	Total
08/16/2015	120.00	120.00
08/23/2015	5.00	5.00
08/30/2015	30.00	30.00
09/06/2015	410.00	410.00
09/13/2015	155.00	155.00
09/20/2015	10.00	10.00
09/27/2015	515.00	515.00
10/04/2015	100.00	100.00
10/11/2015	130.00	130.00
10/18/2015	762.45	762.45
10/25/2015	165.00	165.00
11/01/2015	25.00	25.00
11/08/2015	120.00	120.00
11/15/2015	10.00	10.00
11/22/2015	105.00	105.00
11/29/2015	185.00	185.00
12/06/2015	275.00	275.00
12/13/2015	180.00	180.00
12/20/2015	90.00	90.00
12/31/2015	25.00	25.00
Total	8,470.07	8,470.07



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Account Activity, January 2015 - December 2015**

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Reference	Journal Date	Month	Description	Debit	Credit
<b>01-5799-001</b>	<b>Personal Needs Pantry</b>		<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
8514	AP 1/9/2015	January 2015	NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE	43.00	
8515	AP 1/9/2015	January 2015	KIM RUNKLE	18.94	
8542	AP 1/28/2015	January 2015	KIM RUNKLE	25.00	
8542	AP 1/28/2015	January 2015	KIM RUNKLE	36.36	
8542	AP 1/28/2015	January 2015	KIM RUNKLE	188.16	
8562	AP 2/10/2015	February 2015	NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE	72.00	
8564	AP 2/10/2015	February 2015	KIM RUNKLE	40.00	
8599	AP 3/5/2015	March 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	53.47	
8627	AP 3/25/2015	March 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	16.38	
8651	AP 4/9/2015	April 2015	KIM RUNKLE	29.78	
8666	AP 4/17/2015	April 2015	KIM RUNKLE	136.80	
8689	AP 4/29/2015	April 2015	KIM RUNKLE	63.00	
8690	AP 4/29/2015	April 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	17.56	
8690-VOID	AP 4/29/2015	May 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC		17.56
8698	AP 5/6/2015	May 2015	KIM RUNKLE	34.57	
8733	AP 5/31/2015	May 2015	KIM RUNKLE	239.44	
8733	AP 5/31/2015	May 2015	KIM RUNKLE - Pantry inventory	104.66	
8733	AP 5/31/2015	May 2015	KIM RUNKLE	107.36	
8734	AP 5/31/2015	May 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	135.75	
8741	AP 6/7/2015	June 2015	KIM RUNKLE	54.00	
8756	AP 6/21/2015	June 2015	Dollar General -Regions 4	79.50	
8760	AP 6/21/2015	June 2015	KIM RUNKLE	1,808.76	
8775	AP 7/1/2015	July 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	47.72	
8826	AP 8/6/2015	August 2015	KIM RUNKLE	234.95	
8848	AP 8/28/2015	August 2015	KIM RUNKLE	23.72	
8875	AP 9/11/2015	September 201	KIM RUNKLE	376.92	
8875	AP 9/11/2015	September 201	KIM RUNKLE	266.55	
8875	AP 9/11/2015	September 201	KIM RUNKLE	142.00	
8908	AP 9/29/2015	September 201	NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE	108.75	
8910	AP 9/29/2015	September 201	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	13.16	
8913	AP 10/8/2015	October 2015	KIM RUNKLE	58.98	
8915	AP 10/8/2015	October 2015	KIM RUNKLE	10.70	
8930	AP 10/16/2015	October 2015	NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE	50.00	
8933	AP 10/16/2015	October 2015	KIM RUNKLE	245.10	
8951	AP 10/25/2015	October 2015	KIM RUNKLE	62.00	
8953	AP 10/25/2015	October 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	8.50	
8966	AP 11/4/2015	November 2015	KIM RUNKLE	89.70	
8990	AP 11/23/2015	November 2015	KIM RUNKLE	2,010.50	
9004	AP 12/2/2015	December 2015	KIM RUNKLE	24.30	
9005	AP 12/2/2015	December 2015	WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	85.40	
9007	AP 12/2/2015	December 2015	KIM RUNKLE	203.54	
9015	AP 12/7/2015	December 2015	KIM RUNKLE	55.00	
			Subtotal	7,421.98	17.56
		Personal Needs Pantry	Current Balance	7,404.42	
		<b>Total Debits &amp; Credits</b>		<b>7,421.98</b>	<b>17.56</b>