



## MISSION STATEMENT:

### RADICAL HOSPITALITY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MCMINNVILLE OREGON

The STAR program is First Baptist Church's program, *Serving Those ARound us*. The program began in December 2013 when the Official Board endorsed our plans and goals for the next three years. We are called to be a Matthew 25 church and goals and actions are guided by Jesus' words, "Whatever you do for the least of my sisters and brothers, you do for me." As needs have grown since the inception of the program, the scope and effectiveness of the program have also expanded as we've sought to respond to FBC's Planning and Implementation question which asks:

***"Where are we being called o make God's presence accessible, available, visible, and understandable given the resources we have at hand and the audiences we are called to engage?"***

The mission of the STAR Program is to follow the dictates of Matthew 25 and serve the neediest in our midst. To achieve that goal we have chosen to focus on:

- Providing food for the hungry
- Providing clothing for those without
- Seeking healthcare for those in need
- Providing shelter in emergency conditions
- Providing services to help individual out of poverty
- Educating our community about poverty and homelessness on our midst
- Building coalitions of religious, governmental, and service organizations to address the issues within our community

## STAR PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND FUND UTILIZATION

The heart of the STAR program has been the STAR room where we've offered breakfast every Monday and Friday since our inception in 2013. We typically serve 35-40 individuals each day who represent the chronically homeless due to addiction and/or mental illness, under-employed not able to afford adequate housing, and families who might have housing but are unable to afford adequate nutrition. We will often have 3 to 5 children in attendance, and 30-35% of attendees are women. As part of the STAR Room, we offer showers to a limited number of people (5 to 7). For most of these people, it's the only time during the week they can get clean. On a daily basis we provide morning coffee for those struggling to meet the new day.

In the past year we've recognized other needs of what we call our "Courtyard Congregation" (CC) and have expanded our outreach. The downtown sector, which is two blocks away, has sought to push the homeless off of Main Street so they now are utilizing our courtyard and the courtyards of two neighboring churches during daylight hours. Specifically we are now:

- Many of the CC have no way to clean their clothing so we now provide a limited number of laundry cards each month. These allow the person to do one load of laundry at a local Laundromat. We must limit these to once a month could use twice as many. This service provides for minimal health and cleanliness.
- There are no public toilets in our downtown area. To address this need we installed a porta-potty. We initially believed having it serviced once a week would be adequate, but we now must service it three times a week.
- Loss of personal belonging is a chronic problem with our people. The need to carry everything one owns is debilitating and subjects these folks to constant problems of theft and loss. We have installed lockers in our parking lot and at a neighboring congregation where belongings can be stored securely.
- Often it is difficult to access services, attend job interviews, and attend parole or court dates due to lack of transportation. We are now issuing bus passes on a limited basis, and as with the laundry cards they are quickly exhausted.
- Donated clothing is a vital component of what we do. Our biggest expense is the purchase of socks, which are vital to these folks who are on their feet all day and who often cannot clean them.

Our plans for 2016 are to maintain the ministry as long as we can. We will continue to seek the cooperation of other churches and the broader community. We are exploring plans to utilize another room in the church, improving courtyard security, and expanding our volunteer base. FBC resources are being stretched to the limit and for 2016 our intention is to adjust our services according to the budget that is available—seeking to do the most we can for the least of these brothers and sisters of ours.

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**Annual Budget Projection for 2015 - 2016**

**Expenses:**

Food & supplies	\$ 5,200
Bus passes	4,080
Laundry cards	3,720
Portable toilet	2,520
Sleeping bags/tarps	750
Trash disposal	400
Clothing	330
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>

**Expectant Income:**

Donations	\$ 10,000
Grants	4,000
In-kind donations	2,000
Fundraisers	1,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>

ABC-USA

MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

MCMINNVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MCMINNVILLE, OREGON 97128

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.

Organization Name: First Baptist Church McMinnville, Oregon  
Affiliation with ABCUSA: Local Church  
Mailing Address: 125 SE Cows Street, McMinnville, Oregon 97128  
Phone: 503-472-7941

Federal Tax ID #: 93--390923

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2. Mission Statement—see attached

Financial statement—see attached

3. Plans for requested funds—see attached

4. Total cost of the project: \$17000

5. Amount requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4000

6. Other funding source(s)

Individual donations,  
Fund raising,  
First Federal Bank Grant \$1000  
Cornerstone Coffee \$520

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 8/27/15

Printed Name/Title

Michael Burr - STAR Program Leadership Team