



ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

- Applicant Information

Name of Church: **First Baptist Church**

Mailing Address: **308 1st Ave East Jerome, ID 83338**

Phone: **(208) 324-5938**

Federal Tax ID#: **82-0324050**

Name of Region: Northwest

Contact person (person completing this form): **Rex E. Jessup**

Email of contact person: **greenacres26@juno.com**

Does your church contribute to United Mission? Yes ☒ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? Yes No ☒

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? Yes No

- What ministry or group will use these funds?

First Baptist Church Preschool/Daycare

- Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

- **Purchase a vehicle to transport students between the Preschool/Daycare and local elementary schools.**

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers

and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

- How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

The population of Jerome County rests at 23,000 persons, 8.8% of whom are under the age of five. 15.8% of the county's population lives in poverty, including hundreds of children. Of those currently attending the Preschool/Daycare approximately fifty students receive benefits through the Idaho Child Care Assistance Program (ICCP). These students account for half the total number of students enrolled, demonstrating that the First Baptist Preschool and Daycare disproportionately provides services to impoverished members of the community when compared to the total population.

Supporting this application for funds will have immediate and long term effects. The quality childcare provided by the First Baptist Preschool/Daycare enables parents to work or attend school, rendering immediate and long-term economic benefits to the entire family unit. Children are exposed to a nurturing environment that prepares them academically and socially for their continued education. Lessons in numbers and alphabets - short term information acquisition - are balanced with sharing, waiting one's turn, and basic classroom behaviors - long term behavioral skills. These skills allow children to transition more affectively to kindergarten and begin their educational journeys off on the right foot. These effects, which disproportionately impact impoverished children based on enrollment numbers, contribute positively to the development of families in Jerome County.

- Total cost of the project: **\$9,000 - \$10,000**
- Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$5,000**
- List other funding source(s): **Preschool/Daycare Savings Account**
- Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of **(First Baptist Church of Jerome, Idaho)** , I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (Rex E. Jessup): (Rex E. Jessup)
Date: 31 Aug 2017

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.

You are encouraged to attach a longer description of the ministry or project.

But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Luke 18:16

The First Baptist Church Preschool and Daycare has been a ministry of the Jerome First Baptist Church and has been following Jesus’ command above since 1978. Enrollment averaged 100 students for the 2016-2017 school year, with similar number projected for 2017-2018. Students range in age from 6 weeks to 10 years, and come from socio-economic backgrounds, faiths, and races in Jerome County. Currently, one half the students enrolled receive state assistance through the Idaho Child Care Assistance Program which subsidizes child care for low-income Idaho families.

The First Baptist Preschool and Daycare is one of two facilities in the region that is IdahoSTARS certified, recognizing the quality of the facility and staff that is entrusted to take care of the children in its charge. Pre-School classrooms utilize the ABEKA curriculum as part of a comprehensive Christian based education, and has done so for the past fifteen years. This curriculum also includes weekly “chapel” lessons with the Pastor of the First Baptist Church. Students’ dietary needs are met through the provision of daily hot lunch and two snacks. All staff strive to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which the students experience the love of Jesus each day.

Numerous events are held throughout the year, and provide an opportunity for church members and parents can socialize and get to know one another. At these events, parents are also exposed to Jesus, like their children, and are able to connect to a Christian community in Jerome County even if they do not regularly attend church.

The Jerome School District offers half-day kindergarten, creating the necessity for working parents that their children have some place to go when not at kindergarten and a way to get there. The First Baptist Pre-School and Daycare transports children from morning kindergarten sessions to the Pre-School, and in turn delivers students for afternoon kindergarten sessions. Children, both kindergarteners and older youth, are retrieved at the conclusion of the school day. Given the location of the Pre-School and public schools, walking is not a viable option. While simply a part of a full day, the smooth transition of students to and from the public schools is a vital service for the children and their families.

This fund application would seek to ensure that this service continues and that children, and their families, continue to benefit from the service being offered.

First Baptist Preschool & Daycare

BALANCE SHEET

as of July 31, 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Checking Accounts	6,132.90	
Savings Accounts	<u>25,026.67</u>	
Total Cash	<u>31,159.57</u>	
Accounts Receivable	0.00	Note #1
Total Current Assets	<u>31,159.57</u>	
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	0.00	Note #2
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>31,159.57</u></u>	

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Payroll Taxes & W/H	4,767.91	Note #2
Kenyon Auto Repair	<u>8,000.00</u>	Note #3
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12,767.91</u>	
Long-term Liabilities	0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,767.91</u>	
Equity		
Unrestricted Assets 12/31/17	25,593.27	
Current Earnings	<u>(7,201.61)</u>	
Current Equity	<u>18,391.66</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>31,159.57</u></u>	

First Baptist Preschool & Daycare

Profit & Loss Statement

January 1, through July 31, 2017

INCOME

Tuition & Registration Fees	159,682.86	Note #1
Other Income		
Donations	5,000.00	
Total Income	<u>164,682.86</u>	

EXPENSES

Tuition Refunded	382.00	
Advertising	10.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	593.82	
Supplies	5,771.81	
Toys	1,387.61	
Payroll & P/R Taxes	126,458.79	
Other Employee Expenses	2,764.79	
Janitorial Expense	6,688.59	
School Activities	3,810.61	
Food Expense	10,289.81	
School Bus Expenses	1,516.38	
Capital Improvements		
Furniture & Fixtures	4,210.26	
Major Bus Repair	8,000.00	Note #3
Total Expenses	<u>171,884.47</u>	

NET PROFIT OR (LOSS)

(7,201.61)

First Baptist Preschool & Daycare

Notes to Financial Statements

January 1, though July 31, 2017

Note #1

Billing is done on the 25th of each month, for the upcoming month. For financial statement purposes, we do not recognize that receivable or revenue at the end of the month, because the expenses to earn that revenue are encountered in the following month. Normal expenses are recorded at the time of payment. Payroll withholding and Payroll tax obligations are recorded at the time of payroll.

Note #2

Non-profit Accounting procedures used by First Baptist Preschool and Daycare treat the acquisition of assets as expenses at the time of purchase.

Note #3

The Bus owned by First Baptist Church of Jerome, and used almost exclusively by the preschool, is currently being repaired, with a new engine. The estimated cost of the repair is about \$8000.00. This obligation will be due upon the completion of the repairs.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE PURPOSE STATEMENT

Believing children are a heritage from the Lord, we strive to provide children with a wholesome, loving, and stimulating environment wherein they begin their educational and social process in a Christian environment. We want your child's preschool experience to be a happy one, and the classroom a place where they and you, can feel secure as we all grow and learn together. Each classroom is lead by a loving teacher. Communications between parents and the teacher is important. We encourage notes, phone calls and visits. At all times attentive supervision is given to the children.