

## 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.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church

Mailing Address: PO Box 326, 810 Odell St., Oxford, NE 68967

Phone: 308-824-3744

Federal Tax ID#: E.I.N #47-6040830

Name of Region: Nebraska

Contact person (person completing this form): Pastor Brian Jenkins

Email of contact person: pastorbrian93@charter.net

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

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Diaper Depot

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

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.

To purchase diapers and wipes for young families in need. Also, to purchase storage containers and materials to collect and use for distribution.

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

We feel that with the number of single mothers, foster parents, and poverty-level families in the area...we would be able to help with some of their financial burden with this assistance. Our desire is to love them with the love of Christ.

5. Total cost of the project: \$1200/year (estimate - this is a new ministry)

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$2000.00

7. List other funding source(s): Local fundraising / Community Grant from Thrift Store (pending)
8. 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 (church name) Oxford First Baptist Church, 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 (name of person): Brian J Jenkins (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 30, 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.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **Instructions and information for completing the 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application**

### **1. General information**

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 include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

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

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

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

August 30, 2017

Blessings,

First of all, thank you for allowing us this opportunity to request assistance for our Church's new ministry, Diaper Depot, from the Matthew 25 Grant funds.

Secondly, let me try to explain (as best as I can) an answer from section 1 in the application. We currently DO NOT contribute directly to United Missions. This is an area in which I have slowly been trying to steer our congregation back around. Years ago the Church decided to drop this area of giving – and replaced it with more local missions.

I do agree with our local “mission field”, but also agree with the work done nationally and internationally through UM. I have slowly encouraged them to give more towards the four offerings taken for ABC/USA (“One Great Hour”, “World Missions Offering”, etc.). The Church has also stayed involved with the White Cross project throughout the years.

That being said, I understand that it may be difficult to give back to a congregation that is not currently (directly) supporting UM. BUT, I also know that there is a strong desire here at Oxford FBC to support missions – and individually, the congregation has proved to be a very generous and giving group towards MANY ministries. I'm just trying to continue to teach them what ABC/USA and UM can do and will do with our collective support.

Thank you again for your consideration!

Blessings,

Brian J Jenkins, Pastor  
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**Diaper Depot (First Baptist Church of Oxford)**  
**Mission Statement**

Our goal is to always be prepared to be the hands and feet of Christ by taking care of those in need. Through Diaper Depot, we seek to reach out to young families by supplying them with emergency packages of diapers and wipes for their children when they find themselves short on resources to provide for themselves. It is also our mission to reach out to these families spiritually by offering them Bibles and devotionals, by welcoming them into the Church family, by praying for them and with them, or just by being there to offer emotional support or a listening ear.

**Proposed Annual Budget**

(This is a new ministry to the area. All of our numbers are based on figures from similar ministries in the state. We have compared school class size in order to estimate the anticipated number of children we may serve)

<u>Average cost pkg diapers / wipes</u>	<u>Est. Children / month</u>	<u>Est. cost / month</u>
\$5.00	20	\$100.00

**Estimate Annual Budget = \$1200.00**

(additional expense for startup would be for signs, storage bins, etc.)