

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name First Baptist Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA member church of Mid-America Baptist Churches and ABC-USA
Address 28 N. 10th Street
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
Phone 515-573-3517 Federal Tax ID# 42-0843377
Contact person Jim Laupp email pastorjim86@yahoo.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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 \$4400

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$4400

6. Your other funding source(s) none

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 28, 2013

Printed Name/Title Jim Laupp, 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 to:
Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
Or emailed to: Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org





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Building a Community of Hope

As can be seen from the Webster County, IA data sent with this application, poverty is a very real issue here in Webster County, IA and Fort Dodge and is continually worsening. Because of this reality, a 2-prong program is being designed.

The design of this program is being assisted by Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO), a non-profit agency who assists those who are in poverty through connecting individuals with different programs available to them. After talking with two people from UDMO, two issues came to light, issues which First Baptist Church can address if funding is found.

The first issue is that of stretching food dollars and eating healthy, nutritious meals. One of the issues found was that it is common that those participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to not have the necessary skills to create dishes and meals from scratch. It is common for them to purchase box-type dishes or "junk food type foods" which cost more and are not as healthy. Because of this, this prong of the program will assist in teaching basic cooking skills and cooking healthy, nutritious meals from scratch. The goal is that this will stretch SNAP dollars further and lessen food stress on a limited budget. Monthly, a cooking class will be held which will teach food preparation skills as well as putting together a nutritious full meal. After the meal is cooked, those teaching and facilitating and students will sit down to eat the meal. The expected cost is approximately \$150/month for food and supplies or \$1800 annually.

The second issue is that of transportation to important and necessary destinations. Appointments at places such as Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa's agency to assist those needing employment, are made but transportation is lacking. Due to a lack of transportation and no money to pay for bus fare or a taxi, people are spending SNAP dollars at convenience stores instead of grocery stores, thereby spending more money than necessary and for less nutritious food. If transportation could be provided, this would remedy this situation. There are other destinations such as medical appointments and transporting kids to daycare so mom or dad can go job hunting that are possible. This prong of the program would free up money for other needs.

First Baptist currently has a 15 passenger van which goes unused much of the week. We are proposing to use our van as transportation but funding is needed to supply the extra fuel necessary. We estimate that \$50/week would suffice or an annual amount of \$2600.



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ARTICLE 3 – Mission Statement

The mission of First Baptist Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa, is to build God's kingdom in quantity and quality. First Baptist Church provides opportunities to support, nurture, and strengthen people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds in their relationship with and commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord through prayer, worship, Bible study and service in our community and the world



The following data is from the Child & Family Policy Center. More information can be found at

http://www.cfpciowa.org/page.php?id=10029&utm_source=Needs+assessment+deliverable+1+version+2&utm_campaign=Needs+assess+del.+1&utm_medium=email

- One quarter of Iowa mothers of young children have a high school diploma or less.
- One in five young children live in households below the poverty level.
- Nearly one in five starts kindergarten behind in some area of physical, cognitive or social emotional development.
- Hispanics represent 21 percent of Iowa's population of residents under age 6.
- Percent of births to single Iowa mothers rose from 7 percent to 34 percent between 1970 & 2010.
- 74 percent of all parents are in the workforce, contributing to the need for child care and new stresses on families: Iowa is among the top five states in the nation in households with young children where both parents or the only parent, works.
- 21 percent of Iowa children four months to five years of age are at moderate or high risk of developmental, behavioral or social delays.
- Webster County has been defined as one of the counties with the highest level of overall stress.
- 12 percent of infants and toddlers qualify for Early ACCESS, early intervention services available through Iowa's AEAs.
- 18 percent of 2-5 year olds have a diagnosable mental-health condition under the DSM-IV classification system.
- 15 million U.S. children currently live with an adult who has suffered major depression in the last year.
- Two-thirds of adults with mental illness are parents; 18 percent of adults in Iowa have some mental illness.

Information on the next page was taken from the data report, *Iowa Kids Count 2010: Trends in the Well-Being of Iowa Children*. That document provides data on indicators of child and family well-being. The PLAEA Kids Count Data 2010 document contains data for each of the counties within the geographic boundaries of Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency.

For additional information on the Kids Count reports, see the [Annie E. Casey Foundation](#), which funds the research that supports the [National Kids Count](#) data report. Data for the state of Iowa can be found [here](#). The [Iowa Child and Family Policy Center](#) makes that data available as a pdf file in the [Iowa Kids Count data report](#).

More specific details on the source for each data point can be found on the next page.

Webster County Youth Well-being Indicators

Well-Being Indicator	County Percent 2000	County Percent 2010	County Percent Change	PLAEA Percent 2000	PLAEA Percent 2010	PLAEA Change Percent 2000-2010	Iowa Percent 2000	Iowa Percent 2010	Iowa 2000-2010 Percent Change
Child Abuse and Neglect	1.90	2.82	+48.2%	1.43	2.15	50.11	1.29	1.73	33.8
Child Poverty	12.80	19.90	+55.5%	11.7	16.2	37.8	10.8	15.6	44.5
Children Receiving WIC	37.10	41.70	+12.5	33.1	33.1	0.1	28.2	28.2	-0.1
Earned Income Tax Credit	12.10	15.80	+30.8%	11.1	14.1	26.5	10.5	13.6	30.1
8 th grade math proficiency	64.60	72.80	+12.6%	73.8	75.8	2.7	71.7	76.5	6.7
4 th grade reading proficiency	71.40	78.90	+10.5%	79.3	80.7	1.8	76.6	78.5	2.7
High School Graduation	81.60	88.70	+8.8%	92.2	89.8	-2.6	88.7	89.4	0.7
Family Investment Program	2.60	2.00	-25.4%	1.4	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.5	-15.8
Food Assistance (Food Stamps)	5.80	14.30	+148.2%	3.9	10.3	166.3	4.3	11.4	167.6
Free or Reduced Lunch	33.30	46.90	+41.2%	28.7	41	42.5	26.5	36.8	39.3
Prenatal Care	64.00	75.30	+17.6%	67.3	70.6	4.9	71.2	75.5	5
Low Birthweight	6.10	7.20	+18.7%	6.1	6.4	5.5	6.1	7	13.8
Percentage in Preschool	34.40	42.60	+24.1%	41.5	43.5	4.8	44.5	46.8	5.1
Single Parent Families	29.30	38.80	32.5%	23.1	31.5	36.4	24.9	30.6	22.8
Teen Births	4.30	2.80	-35.3%	3.1	3.1	0.7	3.4	2.9	-16.3
Unmarried Teen Births	10.40	6.80	-34.5%	8.9	7.6	14.5	8.4	7.1	-15.7
Unemployment	2.80	7.60	+165.8	2.5	6.2	144.7	2.6	6.1	137.3

DATA SOURCES

Child Abuse and Neglect - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage of children age 0-17 who are confirmed to have been abused or neglected during the year. Source: Iowa Department of Human Services

Child Poverty - Data covers 2000-2009. The percentage of children age 0-17 who live below the poverty level during the year. Source: United States Census Bureau

Children Receiving WIC - Data covers 2003 - 2010. Average monthly percentage of children age 0-4 who are receiving services through the Women, Infants, and Children Program.

Earned Income Tax Credit - Data covers 2000 - 2008. The percentage of individual income tax filers who receive the Earned Income Tax Credit. Source: Internal Revenue Service

8th Grade Math Proficiency - Data covers 2003 - 2010. The percentage of students who are proficient in eighth grade mathematics on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Alternate Assessment. Source: Iowa Department of Education

4th Grade Reading Proficiency - Data covers 2003 - 2010. The percentage of students who are proficient in fourth grade reading on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Alternate Assessment. Source: Iowa Department of Education

High School Graduation - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage of public school students entering ninth grade who graduate with their class four years later. Source: Iowa Department of Education

Family Investment Program - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The average monthly percentage of individuals receiving Family Investment Program financial assistance during the year. Source: Iowa Department of Human Services

Food Assistance (Food Stamps) - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The average monthly percentage of individuals receiving financial assistance for food during the year. Source: Iowa Department of Human Services

Free or Reduced Lunch - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced-priced lunches during the school year. Source: Iowa Department of Education

Prenatal Care - Data covers 2007 - 2010. The percentage of live births where the mother began prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy.

Low Birthweight - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage of live births weighing at less than 5.5 pounds at the time of birth. Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

Percentage in Preschool - Data Covers 2000 - 2009. The percentage of children age 3-4 enrolled in preschool. Source: United States Census Bureau

Single Parent Families - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage of families with children headed by a single parent. Source: United States Census Bureau

Teen Births - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage of females ages 15-19 giving birth. Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

Unmarried Teen Births - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage of live births to unmarried teens. Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

Unemployment - Data covers 2000 - 2010. The percentage individuals age 16 and over who are in the labor force but were unemployed during the year. Source: Iowa Workforce Development



The following maps of the counties in Prairie Lakes AEA show the amount of child poverty in each county in 2010, based on Kids Count data, and the percentage of change that occurred from 2000 to 2010. The color-coding shows where each county is relative to ALL the counties in the state. The colors are:

For 2010 data:

- Bright red: the county in the state with the highest child poverty rate
- Bright yellow: the state median
- Bright green: the county in the state with the lowest child poverty rate

A continuum of colors was automatically generated going from bright red, through shades of orange into yellow, and then shades of yellow into green. For example, since none of the PLAEA counties were red, they did not have the highest poverty rates in the state, but orange would indicate that they have higher poverty than the state median. The actual values are shown in small print on the county map.

The maps showing the change from 2000 to 2010 use a similar coding system, where bright red would be the largest CHANGE in the state in terms of increasing poverty rates, while bright green would be the least increase (or the most decrease) in poverty rates.

Percentage of children living below poverty in 2010

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Percentage of children living below poverty Percent change from 2000 to 2010

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT
January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012

General Fund

	<u>Receipts & Disbursements</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Receipts		
Regular Offering	\$ 124,857.71	\$ 97,040.00
Loose Offering	1,145.71	1,000.00
Interest Income	2,747.13	2,350.00
Other Income	2,878.00	2,220.00
Trans from Non-Budget/Boxwell	2,625.00	0.00
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Total Receipts	134,253.55	102,610.00
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Disbursements		
World & Local Mission		
United Mission Budget	3,200.00	3,200.00
Region Camping Program	200.00	200.00
Fort Dodge Inter-Faith Forum	0.00	100.00
Evangelism	0.00	50.00
Publicity	65.00	150.00
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	3,465.00	3,700.00
Pastor Salary		
Pastor - Cash Salary	29,088.00	29,088.00
Pastor - Housing & Utilities	12,444.00	12,444.00
Pastor -Social Security Offset	3,440.00	3,440.00
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	44,972.00	44,972.00
Additional Staff Salaries		
Director of Chancel Choir	150.00	3,732.00
Christian Education Coordin.	5,720.00	8,580.00
Organists	3,788.00	4,280.00
Director of Children's Choir	524.00	1,188.00
Church Office Manager	13,017.50	14,265.00
Nursery Attendant	1,000.50	950.00
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	24,200.00	32,995.00
Staff Benefits		
M & M Retirement & Death Ben.	3,000.00	3,000.00
M & M Health Insurance	13,143.66	12,160.00
Convention & Conference Exp.	152.17	500.00
Continuing Education Expense	114.82	500.00
Car Expense Reimbursement	597.62	1,930.00
Social Security (staff)	913.97	2,239.00
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	17,922.24	20,329.00
Christian Education		
Curriculum	195.31	1,300.00
Vacation Church School	225.95	400.00
Camping Scholarships	567.50	500.00
Nursery Work	0.00	25.00
Children's Work	27.31	200.00
Youth Work	400.00	400.00
Adult Work	0.00	25.00
Youth Leader Core	0.00	100.00
Supplies & Special Programs	82.32	200.00
Multimedia	122.00	175.00
Family Ministry	0.00	25.00
God's Kids	903.18	1,300.00
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	2,523.57	4,650.00

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Church Home		
Utilities (Gas, Elec & Water)	16,000.66	15,500.00
Telephone	1,915.06	1,900.00
Insurance	7,002.81	6,800.00
Church Maintenance, Equip, Rep	4,217.61	5,600.00
Custodial Supplies	1,249.56	1,000.00
Kitchen Supplies	218.14	200.00
Church Vans, Upkeep & Expense	634.40	1,000.00
Janitorial Service	5,002.20	5,000.00
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	36,240.44	37,000.00
Worship		
Worship Supplies	240.47	600.00
Choir Music & Supplies	589.39	1,200.00
Pulpit Supply	400.00	400.00
Praise Band	750.00	1,200.00
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	1,979.86	3,400.00
Discipleship		
Community Service Fund	0.00	150.00
Funeral/Floral Expense	225.29	300.00
Social Activities	122.31	300.00
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	347.60	750.00
Office & Miscellaneous		
Financial Stewardship Material	186.33	300.00
Postage	1,141.05	900.00
Office Supplies	846.38	1,250.00
Miscellaneous	428.46	350.00
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	2,602.22	2,800.00
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Total Disbursements	134,252.93	150,596.00
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Net Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 0.62	\$ (47,986.00)
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Beginning Balance		3.40
Ending Balance		4.02

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Mary Boxwell Estate Income & Disbursements

Beginning Balance	\$	304.01
Earnings Distribution	\$	5,725.00
Less Disbursements:		
Special Projects	(2,625.00)	
Scholarships	(2,500.00)	
Ret. Ministers & Missionaries	(150.00)	
America for Christ	(150.00)	
One Great Hour of Sharing	(150.00)	
World Mission Offering	(150.00)	
Net Receipts & Disbursements		0.00
Ending Balance		304.01

Non-Budget Fund

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
ABW Love Gift	0.00	353.44	(353.44)	0.00
Flower Fund	(21.93)	516.00	(622.20)	(128.13)
Interest on N-B Account	0.00	2.11	0.00	2.11
The Lord's Cupboard	0.00	1,262.00	(1,262.00)	0.00
Memorials	5,105.09	1,775.00	(55.76)	6,824.33
Souper Bowl	0.00	151.00	(151.00)	0.00
Camping Scholarship	0.00	70.00	(70.00)	0.00
Retired M & M Offering	0.00	540.00	(540.00)	0.00
Special Dinners	(105.00)	931.00	(736.00)	90.00
Take 2 Summer Youth Theater	682.35	7,365.63	(5,836.44)	2,211.54
World Missions Offering	0.00	342.00	(342.00)	0.00
Youth Conference	738.97	322.00	(299.64)	761.33
America for Christ Offering	0.00	515.00	(515.00)	0.00
Other Items	0.00	334.00	(334.00)	0.00
Children's Missions	448.74	237.31	(500.00)	186.05
Youth Missions	231.70	0.00	0.00	231.70
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	908.80	(908.80)	0.00
Banners	71.15	0.00	0.00	71.15
Community Service Fund	162.72	0.00	0.00	162.72
Choir Fund	1,094.36	0.00	0.00	1,094.36
God's Kids	171.46	0.00	(171.46)	0.00
Sewing	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Crusader Class	133.18	0.00	(40.00)	93.18
	8,712.79	15,725.29	(12,737.74)	11,700.34

Capital Fund

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Projection System	215.00	0.00	0.00	215.00
Tuck Pointing Fund	(812.68)	812.68	0.00	0.00
Major Improvements Fund	1,430.80	650.00	(412.68)	1,668.12
Van Repair Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Kitchen Cupboards	7,412.95	20.00	0.00	7,432.95
	9,246.07	1,482.68	(412.68)	10,316.07