

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: Madison Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 426 Second St., Madison, WV 25130

Phone: (304) 369-1061

Federal Tax ID#: Group Exemp # 3125

Name of Region: West Virginia Baptist Convention - Coal River Association

Contact person (person completing this form): Theresa Cocheran, Mission Bd. Chair

Email of contact person: tacteaches27@yahoo.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

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Madison Baptist Church Mission Board "Power of Three: Body, Mind, & Soul" project

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.

Purchase 35 two-year subscriptions of reading material, "Babybugs", for low-income/poverty families with children ages 0-3 years.

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?

Research shows families of low-income and poverty tend to have: 1. a home lacking a text-rich environment, 2. children entering school with an estimated 30,000,000 word gap (as compared to those in a professional family), and 3. a lack of positive parent/child interactions/affirmations which negatively impact the children's education and futures. (Children in poverty get 26,000 affirmations/year; those in working-class get 62,000/year.) Our immediate goal is that parents/caregivers and their child/children will live in an environment that experiences less stress, has more positive affirmations than negative disciplinary comments, encourages healthy habits impacting nutrition and physical wellbeing, and involves them in positive "fun" interactions through stories, singing, and playing together. Through the "Power of Three:

Body, Mind, & Soul" project, these families will be provided assistance with diapers, formula, and baby foods; along with training on nutrition, health and hygiene, and how to have positive interactions within their families more frequently via modeling and practice of read aloud skills, finger plays, quality content conversations, etc. utilizing quality print materials. Our hope is our youngest victims of poverty will have healthier lives, be able to access a better education and social engagement, and eventually, future. because of increased vocabulary and more positive involvement with reading and parent/child interactions experienced as a result of the "Power of Three: Body, Mind, and Soul" program.

5. Total cost of the project: \$22,584.25
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$2,098.25
7. List other funding source(s): Madison Baptist Church Mission Board, Cornerstone Family Interventions, Boone County Community Foundation (grant awarded, awaiting funds), United Way of Southern West Virginia (grant awarded for January-December 2018) and private donations.
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) Madison 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): Theresa A. Cocheran (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 31, 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.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 grant cycle, applicants who received funding in Spring 2016 are eligible to apply for the Fall 2017 grant cycle. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) TAC

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

Madison Baptist Church Mission Board “Power of Three: Body, Mind, & Soul” Program

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Item #3 – Program Description

Objectives:

- 1) Parents/caregivers will receive, read, and respond to parenting tips; use the diapers and wipes for regular cleaning and changes; and provide additional meals for their child/children.
- 2) While participating in the quarterly sessions, parents/caregivers will have opportunities to question and discuss previous weekly parenting tips AND learn additional skills and knowledge to help them provide a safe nurturing environment that cares for the child/children’s physical (Body), mental (Mind), and social (Soul) wellbeing.

Registration for “Power of Three: Body, Mind, & Soul” includes completion of an enrollment survey to provide information regarding child’s daily routine, including typical meals, meal times, bedtime, and time for reading and play; frequency and types of illnesses and/or visits to a medical facility, an estimate of the number of diapers used daily or weekly; whether they have their own transportation; as well, as diaper sizes and types of formula or baby food requested. (Note: Submitting a completed enrollment survey will serve as the first weekly response ticket for the monthly drawing.) An annual follow-up survey will provide data toward attaining goals.

The Diaper & Baby Food Pantry will be open two-hours one morning per week which corresponds with that day’s hours of the MBC Food Pantry. Each week caregivers may obtain diapers and a resource containing parenting tips. Baby wipes will be available, in addition to the diapers, during the third week and baby formula and foods during the fourth week of each month. The amounts of each item will vary based on age and size of child. To encourage the parent/caregivers to read the weekly parenting resource, a drawing from all returned “I read . . .” response slips for each month will be conducted.

Each month, Cornerstone Family Interventions will provide a parenting tips session. Once each quarter, parents/caregivers will participate in a MBC “**Power of Three Parenting**” session of videos, speakers, modeling and activities that emphasizes the “**Power of Three: Body, Mind, and Soul**”. The “Learn & Do” sessions will be led by volunteer professionals, such as: teachers, nurses, psychologists, and those from various community services. The topics will be those introduced through the resources distributed weekly for that quarter and as identified on the returned “I read ...” responses. The **Body** session foci will be good nutrition, cleanliness of body and environment, and structuring/organizing a daily routine for meals, baths, naps, bedtimes, etc. based on age-appropriateness. The **Mind** session foci will include parenting tips for positive interactions between parents/caregivers and child; including ways to handle behavior and stress. The **Soul** session provides training on how to read with young children, little games to play, and songs to sing to nourish the soul while increasing opportunities for positive interactions and increased affirmations and vocabulary. Participants will receive books for reading aloud, song sheets, nursery rhymes, or games to keep and use at home that they have experienced and practiced during the trainings. The content of most books will reinforce the parenting topics covered each quarter. Though **Body, Mind, and Soul** are individually and briefly addressed here, they have a great deal of overlap and that will be emphasized, also.

Additionally, “**Power of Three Parenting**” sessions will include a nutritious easily prepared snack, time for Q & A, and a questionnaire/survey by which parents/caregivers will indicate the implementation of tips, skills, and knowledge and their perceived impact on the child/children and themselves. Anecdotal evidence through the sharing of stories and video will be encouraged, also.

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Item #8 - Mission Statement: The Mission Board of Madison Baptist Church, will show Christ’s love to our community, nation, and around the globe (indicated in Acts 1:8*) and as expressed in I Timothy 6: 17-18: *“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. **Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share.**”* (NKJV)

**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

Item #8 – Financial Statement for “Power of Three: Body, Mind, & Soul” (2 pages)

PROPOSED PROJECT JUNE 2017-DECEMBER 2018 BUDGET			
ITEM	Amount Requested from Matthew 25	Amount provided from other sources as match	Total Amount
<i>Program Expenses</i>			
Supplies	0	\$18,367	\$18,367
Printing & copying	0	\$ 400	400
Equipment	0	0	0
Materials	\$ 2,098.25* (2 yrs.)	\$2,719	\$4,817.25
Communication (phone, fax...)	0	0	
Public relations	0	0	
Salaries & Wages	0	0	
Postage & shipping	0	0	
<i>For supplies that must be ordered</i>			
Evaluation	0	0	
<i>Included in printing/copying</i>			
Other Program expenses – please list:	0	0	
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	*\$ 2,098.25 Matthew 25 grant request for 2 years w/2nd yr discount)	\$21,486	\$23,584.25

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POTENTIAL REVENUE - May 2017 - December 2018

- **Matthew 25 grant request** (1 grant = 2 years of support) **\$ 3,427.25**
- United Way 2018 Grant (available January 2018 – December 2018) **\$ 7,000.00**
- *Cornerstone Family Interventions* (\$400 orders June 2017-March 2018) **\$ 4,000.00**
- Madison Baptist Church Mission Board + private donations **\$ 4,511.00**
- Boone County Community Foundation Grant (September 2017-June 2018) **\$ 7,500.00**

PROJECTED PROGRAM EXPENSES

Supplies – Diaper & Baby Food Pantry						
Item	Description/Amount	BCCF	Corner- stone Family Inter.	MBC Mission Bd. + private	United Way	Matthew 25 request
Diapers	355 cases/year @ \$40 each = \$14,200	\$4,800	\$ 2,500	\$900	\$6,000	
Baby Wipes	12 cases @ \$19.75 each = \$237	0		237		
Formula	80 Cans @ \$40 each = \$3,200	800	\$1,500	900		
Baby Cereal	40 cans @ \$4 each = \$160	0		160		
Baby Food	50 cases @ \$11.40 each = \$570	280		290		
TOTAL	\$18,367	\$5,880	\$4,000	\$2,487	\$6,000	0
Printing/Copying						
Parenting Tips & Forms	\$400	\$300		\$100	0	0
Materials – "Power of Three Parenting"						
Training DVD	\$199			\$199		
Healthy Snacks & Plates, etc.	\$200			200		
Prizes	\$18/month & \$21/quarter = \$300	200			100	
Books	For 0-4 years @ \$6 each = \$990	560			430	
Magazine subscriptions https://shop.cketmedia.com/Babybug-Magazine-for-Babies.html	2 years @ \$59.95 each x 35 subscriptions = \$2,098.25					\$2,098.25
Learning Games	For 0-4 years @ \$5 each = \$1,030	560			470	
TOTAL	\$4,817.25	\$1,320	0	\$399	\$1,000	\$2,098.25
PROGRAM TOTALS:						
\$23,584.25		\$7,500	\$4,000	\$2,986	\$7,000	\$2,098.25