

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." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 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, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name CenterPoint Baptist Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA Yes
Address: P.O. BOX 1472 Temple Hills, MD, 20757 (Mailing)
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Contact person Orlando Bego email ojbego@gmail.com

2. Please submit 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.

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: \$15,200.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s): CenterPiont Baptist Church, District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Baptist Convention of DC & Vicinity, Rio Buffet & Grill

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 _____

Printed Name/Title _____

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 via email to beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



NO RESERVATION REQUIRED BIBLE STUDY/FEEDING PROGRAM

VISION STATEMENT - Impacting Lives One Family At A Time (Luke 4:18-19).

MISSION STATEMENT - Encourage the Connected to Engage Communities by Embracing Christ (Matt. 22:37, Matt. 28:19).

CenterPoint Baptist Church functions as a gathering of people in process, a place where the curious, the unconvinced, the skeptical, the used-to-believe, and the broken, as well as the committed, informed and the sold-out come together. CenterPoint desires to minister in communities where families are hurting due to the overwhelming struggles of life and therefore, are in need of a message of hope. Through the No Reservation Bible Study/Feeding Program, CenterPoint will be reaching out to the lost and hopeless, just as Jesus did, and following His example, expressing both grace and truth in performing missional-focused outreach that is open and inviting (John 1:14).

THE COMMUNITY - Suitland area, Prince George's County, MD.

- 85.8% only have a high school diploma or a GED.
- 56.4% of people in Prince George's, MD are single with children
- 8.3% unemployment rate
- 7.6% poverty rate

PROGRAM STRATEGY - CenterPoint Baptist Church will offer a weekly Bible Study at a local restaurant, providing opportunity for dialogue and engaging conversations which will promote sharing of real, felt, and anticipatory needs of families living at and in poverty. We will offer missional-based outreach through personal evangelism with an underlying desire for fellowship and social interaction centered on the community's known issues. The primary focus is to connect with unchurched and de-churched families through a creative and interactive feeding program.

The Feeding Program/Buffer Style Dinner, will provide opportunities for families to share a meal together, strengthen existing relationships and offer an opportunity to meet members of the congregation and community.

The Bible Study will include four elements: (1) question session to encourage personal Bible study at home, (2) small discussion groups for sharing of personal answers to questions, (3) a lecture covering scripture with applications for daily living, and (4) distribution of a set of notes reinforcing lessons.

The Program Strategy is based on a 4-point approach which will help CenterPoint connect with and remain engaged with the community:

1. Develop a Bible Study in a neutral location in the targeted distressed area.
2. Establish free Feeding Program at the Bible Study for 50 adults and 25 youth.
3. Use the tool of 1-to-1 conversations to strengthen relationships with participants.
4. Use technologies for messaging and information, broadcasting and text messaging.

STRATEGY OUTCOMES

1. Spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through weekly Bible Study with 50 adults/25 youth.
2. Promote healthy eating for families in poverty through the Free Feeding Program.

3. Develop a Mission Partnership with local restaurant to serve buffet style dining.
4. Partner with local Social Service agencies to increase information sharing through set-up of resource tables.
5. Grow attendance at church's weekly Discipleship class by 40%.
6. Grow attendance at church's weekly Sunday Church Service by 25%.

BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT

INCOME		
Rio Buffet		7,200.00
ABCUSA		5,000.00
DCBC		1,000.00
BCDCV		1,000.00
CenterPoint BC		1,000.00
EXPENSES		
Food	14,400.00	
Marketing	200.00	
Materials	400.00	
Room Rental	0.00	
Misc.	200.00	
		0.00

BUDGET EXPENSE NARRATIVE FOR THE PROJECT

Food: The cost for food is based on a total of 12 sessions at a cost of \$16.00 per person for a total of 75 persons per session. Rio Buffet is discounted to cost by 50% (\$8.00 per person) for a total of \$7,200.00 for the life of the project. The budget reflects income for this project from Rio Buffet in that amount to identify actual cost.

Marketing: The cost for marketing is based on printed flyers and distribution over a 12-month period.

Materials: The cost of materials is based on printed resources related to the 12 Bible Study sessions.

Room Rental: There is no rental fee associated with this project.

Misc.: Indirect cost associated with the Project.