

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:

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| Organization Name | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH | | |
| Affiliation with ABCUSA | an American Baptist Church in the ABC Great Rivers Region, Area 2 | | |
| Address | 1701 Mound Road, Jacksonville, IL 62650 | | |
| Phone | 217-245-6119 or 217-370-7967 | Federal Tax ID# | 37-0724097 |
| Contact person | Kimberly Runkle | email | kimrunkle@fbcjaxil.org |

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement (**see next page**)
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement (**see next page**)

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 **Undetermined – we plan to use all funds and/or products donated to The Personal Needs Pantry for the care of those who need our services – there are no overhead costs and there is no foreseeable end date.**

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

6. Your other funding source(s) **Solely donations from our congregation and community; there is no provision in our church budget for The Personal Needs Pantry.**

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 24, 2015**

Printed Name/Title **Kimberly J. Runkle, Personal Needs Pantry Director**

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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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Question 2a: Mission Statement

In accordance with directives given by the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 15:11, Proverbs 28:27, Matthew 25:34-45, James 2:15-16, 1 Timothy 6:18 and 1 John 3:17-19) the mission of the Personal Needs Pantry is to provide families in our community who are struggling with job loss, financial instability or poverty a way to obtain basic necessities, allowing them to maintain personal dignity and a healthy home environment.

Question 2b: Financial Statement

The Personal Needs Pantry is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Illinois that is supported entirely by special offerings and product donations from our congregation and community. As such, we do not have a budget or financial statement for this project. Statements of income and expense for the calendar year 2014 are included with this application.

In 2014, the Personal Needs Pantry received financial contributions of \$6,505.22 and spent \$6,912.55 for supplies (inventory). (Unexpended donations from the prior year made up the shortfall). Purchases were made in bulk from local retailers and a Chicago-based wholesaler to reduce cost and stretch funding as much as possible. In addition, an undetermined amount of product donations supplemented our purchases.

At our current rate of growth, approximately \$9000 will be needed to sustain the Personal Needs Pantry in the year 2015.

Note regarding expense statement (account activity): In the interest of full transparency, receipts for purchases and reimbursements listed on the expense statement will be provided promptly upon request (50+ pages).

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Question 3: Proposed Use of Funding

First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Illinois, is requesting funding from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant to provide continued support to our outreach ministry, The Personal Needs Pantry, which provides items that are not provided by a typical food pantry or covered by SNAP (food stamp) benefits. These items can be expensive and are necessary to maintain quality of life, a healthy home environment, personal dignity, and the ability to present oneself appropriately to seek and maintain work. These are things such as: toilet paper, shampoo, soap, razors, shaving cream, tooth/oral care products, facial tissues, bandages, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products and other personal care and/or household cleaning items.

In 2013, the Personal Needs Pantry hosted 263 visits to our outreach, serving a total of 602 persons. In 2014, the Pantry hosted 351 visits serving a total of 934 persons. Assuming the same rate of growth again this year, we could be on track to service 465 visits in 2015.

We accept clients referred from the Salvation Army, local churches, social service agencies, other outreach programs, and government offices. We are increasingly helping those who self-refer, but still rely on a tight network of partner agencies.

The Pantry has become a rallying point for our church and community. It's something that the congregation can all participate in, regardless of age, ability, or income level. In 2014 the Pantry benefitted from many acts of love that allowed us to further our mission. Here is a partial listing:

- offerings collected during Vacation Bible School and at Christmas
- labor, in the form of stocking and organizing, by the American Baptist Youth group
- dedicated adult volunteers who faithfully restock, organize, and meet with needy families
- donations of products from church members, community groups, a local Hallmark franchisee, and a local employee outreach of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
- a monetary donation from the "Pantry Pigskin Challenge" – a flag football tournament organized by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter at a local college
- a monetary donation from a lemonade stand set up by two of our youngest church members
- publicity, in the form of a newspaper article in our local daily paper
- marketing suggestions to improve outreach, visibility, and to increase donations, from a local college class project

In addition to simply providing "the stuff of life," Pantry volunteers provide emotional support and prayer to those seeking our help. Our pastor and his high school and college Sunday school class hosted a Christmas party for some of the neediest Pantry families, complete with a meal, gifts, Bibles and a time of worship.

Through the Pantry, we have one family sending a child to Sunday school every week. We continue to support the mother as she deals with severe social anxiety; she did attend Christmas services to see her daughter perform in the Christmas play. Another man we met through the Pantry has been attending church regularly even when transportation and a medical condition prove difficult for him.

We feel so blessed to be able to provide this outreach to our community and are now beginning to see lives turn toward Christ as well. It is our prayer and privilege to continue this ministry another year. As a church ministry, there are no salary or overhead considerations attached to this project; all funds received are spent on products to distribute to the needy.

EXPENSE SUMMARY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Account Activity, January 2014 - December 2014

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| Reference | Journal | Date | Month | Description | Debit | Credit |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 01-5799-001 | Personal Needs Pantry | | | Beginning Balance | 0.00 | |
| 8008 | AP | 2/2/2014 | January 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 78.00 | |
| 8012 | AP | 2/9/2014 | February 2014 | County Market | 153.68 | |
| 8021 | AP | 2/9/2014 | February 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 21.70 | |
| 8036 | AP | 2/20/2014 | February 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 64.08 | |
| 8046 | AP | 2/23/2014 | February 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 60.00 | |
| 8079 | AP | 3/16/2014 | March 2014 | Dollar General -Regions 4 | 26.00 | |
| 8094 | AP | 3/27/2014 | March 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 54.00 | |
| 8095 | AP | 3/27/2014 | March 2014 | WALMART COMMUNITY BRC | 50.34 | |
| 8109 | AP | 4/3/2014 | April 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 120.14 | |
| 8111 | AP | 4/10/2014 | April 2014 | County Market | 186.71 | |
| 8117 | AP | 4/10/2014 | April 2014 | NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE | 22.50 | |
| 8132 | AP | 4/13/2014 | April 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 9.80 | |
| 8153 | AP | 4/29/2014 | April 2014 | NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE | 77.50 | |
| 8155 | AP | 4/29/2014 | April 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 1,217.64 | |
| 8163 | AP | 5/6/2014 | May 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 98.25 | |
| 8207 | AP | 6/3/2014 | June 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 194.28 | |
| 8226 | AP | 6/18/2014 | June 2014 | NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE | 127.50 | |
| 8240 | AP | 6/27/2014 | June 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 273.60 | |
| 8259 | AP | 7/9/2014 | July 2014 | NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE | 136.00 | |
| 8281 | AP | 7/27/2014 | July 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 34.00 | |
| 8282 | AP | 7/27/2014 | July 2014 | WALMART COMMUNITY BRC | 52.50 | |
| 8298 | AP | 8/7/2014 | August 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 20.33 | |
| 8301 | AP | 8/12/2014 | August 2014 | County Market | 94.80 | |
| 8302 | AP | 8/12/2014 | August 2014 | Dollar General -Regions 4 | 10.00 | |
| 8318 | AP | 8/21/2014 | August 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 114.44 | |
| 8327 | AP | 8/27/2014 | August 2014 | NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE | 60.00 | |
| 8343 | AP | 9/5/2014 | September 201 | KIM RUNKLE | 138.45 | |
| 8348 | AP | 9/11/2014 | September 201 | KIM RUNKLE | 237.19 | |
| 8358 | AP | 9/21/2014 | September 201 | County Market | 82.80 | |
| 8377 | AP | 10/2/2014 | October 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 555.35 | |
| 8379 | AP | 10/2/2014 | October 2014 | WALMART COMMUNITY BRC | 19.58 | |
| 8384 | AP | 10/9/2014 | October 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 228.20 | |
| 8394 | AP | 10/16/2014 | October 2014 | Dollar General -Regions 4 | 20.60 | |
| 8394-VOID | AP | 10/16/2014 | October 2014 | Dollar General -Regions 4 | | 20.60 |
| 8399 | AP | 10/16/2014 | October 2014 | NAEIR MEMBER'S CHOICE | 160.25 | |
| 8406 | AP | 10/23/2014 | October 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 1,786.44 | |
| 8410 | AP | 10/26/2014 | October 2014 | Dollar General -Regions 4 | 20.60 | |
| 8413 | AP | 10/26/2014 | October 2014 | WALMART COMMUNITY BRC | 66.90 | |
| 8429 | AP | 11/6/2014 | November 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 150.00 | |
| 8491 | AP | 12/18/2014 | December 2014 | KIM RUNKLE | 111.00 | |
| | | | | Subtotal | 6,933.15 | 20.60 |
| | | | | Personal Needs Pantry | Current Balance | 6,912.55 |

INCOME SUMMARY

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| | 1536 Personal Needs Pantry | Total |
|------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 01/12/2014 | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| 01/19/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 01/26/2014 | 105.00 | 105.00 |
| 02/02/2014 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 02/09/2014 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 02/23/2014 | 105.00 | 105.00 |
| 03/02/2014 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| 03/09/2014 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 03/16/2014 | 130.00 | 130.00 |
| 03/23/2014 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 03/30/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 04/06/2014 | 101.00 | 101.00 |
| 04/13/2014 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| 04/20/2014 | 235.00 | 235.00 |
| 04/27/2014 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 05/04/2014 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| 05/18/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 05/25/2014 | 105.00 | 105.00 |
| 06/01/2014 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| 06/08/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 06/15/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 06/22/2014 | 105.00 | 105.00 |
| 06/29/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |

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| 07/06/2014 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| 07/13/2014 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 07/20/2014 | 480.00 | 480.00 |
| 07/27/2014 | 145.00 | 145.00 |
| 08/03/2014 | 280.81 | 280.81 |
| 08/10/2014 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| 08/17/2014 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| 08/24/2014 | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| 08/31/2014 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| 09/07/2014 | 225.00 | 225.00 |
| 09/14/2014 | 135.00 | 135.00 |
| 09/21/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 09/28/2014 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| 10/05/2014 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| 10/12/2014 | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| 10/19/2014 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 10/26/2014 | 155.00 | 155.00 |
| 11/02/2014 | 207.41 | 207.41 |
| 11/09/2014 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 11/16/2014 | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| 11/23/2014 | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| 11/30/2014 | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| 12/07/2014 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 12/14/2014 | 130.00 | 130.00 |
| 12/21/2014 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 12/28/2014 | 270.00 | 270.00 |
| 12/30/2014 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Total | 6,505.22 | 6,505.22 |

**Lemonade Stand for
Personal Needs Pantry
August 2014**

