

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 First Baptist Church of Shelburn
Affiliation with ABCUSA Indiana/Kentucky Region, Curry's Prairie Association
Address 520 W Mill Street, Shelburn, IN 47879
Phone 812-397-5595 Federal Tax ID# 35-0976727
Contact person Cheryl Kemp email ckemp@fbcshelburn.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of: **See Attached**
- 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 \$13,500.00
5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00
6. Your other funding source(s) Church budget and designated gifts from church members

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) Cheryl L Kemp Date 02/23/2015
Printed Name/Title Cheryl L. Kemp, Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary

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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Shelburn Community Kitchen

First Baptist Church

520 W Mill Street

Shelburn, IN 47879

2. a. Community Kitchen Mission Statement

The Shelburn First Baptist Church Community Kitchen Ministry exists to provide a visible example of God's command to love others as ourselves. It is our desire to impact our community by offering free weekly nutritious dinners to those who may be struggling on their own to do so, to impact the lives of our volunteers by offering an opportunity to serve others, and to provide social interaction opportunities between our church family and our local community.

2. b. Community Kitchen Financial Statement

Projected Budget for 2015¹

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Income		
FBCS Budget ²	\$10,000.00	
Current Designated Donations ³	270.00	
Expenses		
Food ⁴ (approx. \$225+/week) See Attached Menu List		\$11,250.00
Misc Consumables (Spices, Tea Bags, Lemonade, Condiments, Cooking Oil, etc)		750.00
Paper Products ⁵ (Table Covering, Take-Out Containers, Foil Pans, Crock Pot/Roaster Liners, Portion Containers, Serving Gloves)		\$1,500.00
Total	\$10,270.00	\$13,500.00

Notes

¹*Based on 50 weeks (Community Kitchen closes for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's)*

²*Allocated if needed, and funds are available.*

³*More is anticipated, but not guaranteed.*

⁴*Does not include desserts. Those are donated by church members.*

⁵*Plates, Cups, Napkins, and Utensils are provided by the church through our annual budgeted line item, Dinner Supplies.*

3. Community Kitchen Use of Funds

After much prayer and recognizing that one of the most basic needs of our community was for assistance in providing food for their families, our church embarked on a mission to help alleviate this need. On April 12, 2011, the Shelburn Community Kitchen Ministry was born here at First Baptist Church of Shelburn, and every Tuesday evening at 5:30pm we open the doors of our Ministry Center to the community for a free nutritious hot meal. Hosted by teams of volunteers (there are no paid staff positions for this ministry), our meals are offered with no restrictions for attendance, no questions asked, and participants are not obligated to our church in any way. We also deliver 15-20 meals every week to elderly shut-ins within the community. Based on a rotating schedule of 12 different meals (see attached list), we serve until the food runs out or until everyone's hunger is satisfied—at least for this one night.

As we approach the 4-year anniversary of our Community Kitchen ministry, we are excited and blessed to report that it is still going strong; in fact, our numbers have increased over this last year! We are now serving approximately 150+ meals every Tuesday evening, with guests coming from all around Sullivan County. Our local Shelburn community remains one of the poorest areas in Sullivan County, with the County itself having one of the highest unemployment rates, highest poverty rates, and highest rates of children receiving free or reduced lunches. While we realize that we cannot solve all the negative issues in our community, we have found that helping to provide a hot meal to families in our community seems to be making an impact and drawing ever larger numbers into our Ministry Center every week. We are seeing more and more young families with children participating, as well as older widowed men and women for whom this dinner offers a reprieve from loneliness and isolation, along with assistance to their fixed incomes. We are so thankful to be able to show the love of Jesus in this way.

This ministry has drawn others from our congregation to seek ways to minister to our community, aside from the basic meal provision. Some deliver homemade desserts every week, several bring in homegrown vegetables and fruits from their gardens to give away, some folks come just to mingle and visit with our guests and get to know our neighbors, and one lady comes weekly to distribute games, coloring pages, and word puzzles to the children (and sometimes the adults, too) who come as much as an hour early to wait on the food to be served. God has moved within this ministry to provide blessings all around, and we are even seeing some of our Tuesday night guests come to visit with us on Sunday mornings – Praise the Lord!!

If we are blessed again with funds from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant, all of it will be used to purchase food and the other miscellaneous supplies that are needed to host the Community Kitchen dinners each week. We have witnessed firsthand the gratitude with which this ministry is received, and many have openly expressed how much these meals help with their family food budgets. Any financial assistance we receive will be designated specifically for the furtherance of this ministry, offering hope and help in a tangible way to the people of our community.

Shelburn Community Kitchen Menu List

- Week 1:** Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls
Drinks & Dessert
- Week 2:** Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Applesauce, Rolls
Drinks & Dessert
- Week 3:** Ham Slices, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cottage Cheese & Peaches, Rolls,
Drinks & Dessert
- Week 4:** Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast Stix & Syrup, Fresh Fruit
Drinks & Dessert
- Week 5:** Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread, Drinks & Dessert
- Week 6:** Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pickle Spear,
Chips, Drinks & Dessert
- Week 7:** Chicken Breasts & Dressing, Mashed potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls,
Drinks & Dessert
- Week 8:** Ham & Beans, Beef Stew, Cornbread, Tater Tot Casserole, Applesauce,
Drinks & Dessert
- Week 9:** Tacos (Beef & Chicken), Chips & Nacho Cheese, Refried Beans, Corn
Casserole, Spanish Rice, Drinks & Dessert
- Week 10:** Salisbury Steak & Rice, Green Bean Casserole, Baby Carrots, Overnight
Salad, Rolls, Drinks & Dessert
- Week 11:** Ham Balls, Hash Brown Casserole, Baked Beans, Fruit Cup,
Drinks & Dessert
- Week 12:** Sloppy Joes or Turkey & Ham Subs, Pasta Salad, Chips, Pickles,
Drinks & Ice Cream Bar