

## 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 described above. The applying ministry must be directly affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to submit an application. Only one application per church or region will be considered within a 24-month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day fund, church benevolent fund, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region 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 or Region: First Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 411 North Seventh St., Lafayette, IN, 47901

Phone: (765) 742-5223

Federal Tax ID#: 35-1042686

Region: American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky

Contact person (person completing this form): Gordon L. Coppoc on behalf of Brenda -Taulman Peacock

Email: coppocgl@gmail.com

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA:

☒ Church    ☐ Region    ☐ Other, please explain

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?

First Baptist Church participation in LUM Jubilee Christmas

If this application is being submitted on behalf of another organization or ministry, you agree to be the fiscal agent for any grant funds awarded. (please initial)

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 to single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

First Baptist Church (FBC) joins the Lafayette Urban Ministry's (LUM) Jubilee Christmas each year to help serve over 600 families (1,800 children!) in our community. LUM identifies the families and sends 15 families to FBC for the Jubilee Day of gift distribution. FBC sends LUM approximately \$800 each year to support LUM's purchase of a ham, food card, and gift card (for teenagers, 13-18 years of age) for each family. FBC members contribute money to meet the \$800 sent to LUM plus new toys, games, and clothing from which the families select on the morning they come to the church

This request is for funds that would allow us to expand what we can provide for each child and to increase the number of families served from 15 to 17 in future years. We propose adding a pair of mittens/gloves and a hat for each child. We also propose adding a box of groceries (costing \$25-35 each) from FBC to the family on Jubilee Day to supplement the food card .

Justification:

Kids lose hats and mittens and these clothes items are much needed for the cold Indiana winter weather. (Each child gets a new pair of pants or pjs, a shirt or a dress that our church buys.) We would like to provide each family with a box of groceries to take home with them in addition to the food cards. current shoppers know that \$25-35 (the amount of the food card) doesn't go far. Each of our families needs a great holiday meal to be sure, but also need food to feed their children for the two-week break from school. There isn't any free breakfast or lunch over the vacation period. We believe that a box of canned fruit and vegetables, potatoes, eggs, cereal, etc., would be a blessing to most of our target families.

It is vital that our church shines the light and love of Jesus for the parents who come to our church on Jubilee morning. We give His love so that they in turn can give love to their children. Your help to us can provide children and their parents in Tippecanoe County, Indiana food, warm hats and mittens, give cards, hams and food cards. God's love and our fellowship will help parents give their children a blessed Christmas. Acts 20:35.

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?  
Many families have never had to ask for help from an agency. They may have been recently laid-off, have had a medical crisis, gone through a divorce, or are part of the working poor. It is very difficult for them to ask for help.

LUM Jubilee Christmas helps families provide Christmas for their children. The parent(s) come to participating churches, in our case - First Baptist Church -- in the community to "shop" for Christmas by selecting gifts from those provided by FBC. A key feature is that in the eyes of the children, it is the parents, not the church or an agency that is selecting, providing, and gift wrapping the gifts for their children. Therefore, the parent(s) are the hero(es).

Jubilee Christmas gives the parent(s) a help up during a difficult time. Once the parents are in a better financial situation, they give back to Jubilee Christmas for the next family in need. The important thing is that the children don't have to do without because their parent(s) are having a difficult time paying bills.

Those of us who give and volunteer for Jubilee have our cups filled with joy by being part of this mission. We are just as blessed by the love of God as are the families we serve.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5,600
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3,200
7. List other funding source(s): Contributions from members & friends of First Baptist Church Lafayette provide the cash that is used to send to LUM and to purchase gifts as needed. The dollar amounts constitute only a fraction of the total the church provides. Nearly all of the new toys, games, and clothing distributed are provided by members of the church for this mission.
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/region/organization name) First Baptist Church of Lafayette, IN, 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): Brenda Taulman-Peacock and Gordon L.

Coppoc (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 9/1/2016

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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**Instructions and information for completing the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application**

**1. General information**

Applicants must be a recognized ABC church, Region office or organization directly affiliated with an ABC organization such as ABCUSA, ABHMS and IM.

An ABC church or region may submit an application for a ministry they are supporting. If a grant is awarded, the church or region assumes fiscal responsibility for the use of these funds.

Checks will be made payable to the ABC church, region or affiliated organization. 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 and not include a 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.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, 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 or region will be considered per 24 month period. 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 specific 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)

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

# **First Baptist Church**

***American Baptist Churches U.S.A.***

**411 N. Seventh Street**

**Lafayette, Indiana 47901**

**765-752-5223**

## **First Baptist Church of Lafayette Jubilee Christmas Mission**

Each year Lafayette First Baptist Church (FBC) participates in LUM Jubilee Christmas as part of its mission program. The Lafayette Urban Ministry coordinates Jubilee Christmas, which is a program sponsored by many of the LUM member churches and other community organizations who organize events for local families at several different host sites. Using this model, FBC maximizes its mission by joining with many churches and organizations to serve many more low income families than we could otherwise serve. FBC agrees to host a Jubilee Christmas event in a dignified and respectful manner, to contribute funds to LUM that are common to all sites, and to purchase additional gift items as needed to supplement gifts purchased and donated by members. The Biblical basis for Jubilee Christmas stems from Isaiah 58:6-9, Matthew 2:10-11, and Deuteronomy 15:7-11.

**Email addresses: [pastor@firstbaptistlafayette.org](mailto:pastor@firstbaptistlafayette.org)  
[admin@firstbaptistlafayette.org](mailto:admin@firstbaptistlafayette.org)**

# Proposed Budgets for Jubilee Christmas 2016-2018

## Proposed 2016 Budget for Jubilee Christmas

\$ 800 Traditional amount FBC sends to LUM for hams, gift and food cards for 15 families  
\$ 450 Increased amount for hats and mittens @ \$45 x 10  
\$ 375 Increased amount for groceries over holiday break @ \$25 x 15  
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\$ 1,625 Total Cost for 2016 for 15 families  
\$825 is the cost of the **INCREASE** due to additional clothing & groceries

## Proposed 2017 & 2018 Budget for Jubilee Christmas

\$ 1,700 Amount FBC sends to LUM for hams, gift cards, and food cards for 17 families  
\$ 1,000 Increased amount for hats and mittens @ \$50 x 10 x 2  
\$ 1,275 Increased for groceries over holiday break @ \$25 x 17 x 2  
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\$ 3,975 Total cost for 2017 & 2018 for 17 families  
\$2,375 is the cost of **INCREASING** to 17 families plus additional clothing & groceries  
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\$ 5,600 Combined total budget for 2016, 2017, and 2018

## **\$3,200 AMOUNT REQUESTED to INCREASE SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM**

LUM's Jubilee Christmas currently serves over 600 families including 1,800 children through its participating members. FBC contributes significantly to Jubilee Christmas by contributions from its members of newly purchased toys, books, games, school supplies, clothes and cash. We are currently capable of serving 15 families. With a budget of \$5,000, we could increase the number of families served in 2017 and 2018. Because we can only apply to the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant program every two years, we are including the extra years in this application.

All funds received through this application will go directly to support FBC's participation in the Jubilee Christmas program. They would be such a great gift to the children and families we serve.

given to Jan 12/11/15

## Lafayette Urban Ministry

Touching the Future by Helping Children & Families Today

420 N 4th Street  
Lafayette, IN 47901  
Phone: 765-423-2691  
E-mail: jubilee@lumserv.org

## INVOICE

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2015

### TO:

Brenda Taulman  
LUM Jubilee Christmas  
Saturday, December 12, 2015  
Host-Site: First Baptist Church  
Lafayette, IN

### FOR:

LUM Jubilee Christmas  
Saturday, December 12, 2015  
Host-Site: First Baptist Church  
Lafayette, IN

### DATE:

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

### TOTAL:

Number of Families at Host-Site: 15

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	AMOUNT
Ham - one per family	15	\$8	\$120.00
Gift Cards - one per teen	8	\$30	\$240.00
Food Cards - one per family of fewer than six	11	\$25	\$275.00
Food Cards - one per family of six or more	4	\$35	\$140.00
TOTAL			\$775.00

Make all checks payable to Lafayette Urban Ministry  
Total Due by December 12, 2015

Thank you for participating in Jubilee Christmas!

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## INVOICE

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2014

### TO:

Mary Wilkinson  
First Baptist Church  
411 N 7th Street  
Lafayette, IN

### FOR:

LUM Jubilee Christmas  
Saturday, December 13, 2014  
Host-Site: First Baptist Church  
Lafayette, IN

### TOTAL:

Number of Families at Host-Site: 15

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	AMOUNT
Ham - one per family	15.00	\$8	\$120.00
Gift Cards - one per teen	6.00	\$30	\$180.00
Food Cards - one per family of fewer than six	9.00	\$25	\$225.00
Food Cards - one per family of six or more	6.00	\$35	\$210.00
TOTAL			\$735.00

Make all checks payable to Lafayette Urban Ministry  
Total Due by December 11, 2014

Thank you for participating in Jubilee Christmas!