

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 or repairs 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:

First Baptist Church of Greenville, IL.

Mailing Address: 218 East South Avenue, Greenville, IL 62246

Phone: 618.664.1062

Federal Tax ID#: EIN 37-6031529

Name of Region: Great Rivers Region

Contact person (person completing this form): Veronica Ross, FBC, Greenville, IL

Email of contact person: veronica.ross@greenville.edu

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?

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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.

See attached paperwork.

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?

See attached paperwork.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5,650.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

7. List other funding source(s): ABCGRR Area IV Camp Scholarship (used for summer 2018 camp season), and the ABCGRR Mission Grant, for expenses incurred from January thru July 2018.)

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) First Baptist Church-Greenville, IL, 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): Veronica Ross (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 21, 2018

**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 2018 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. 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) VR

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

### ***Matthew 25 Grant--Budget Explanation***

The First Baptist Church of Greenville, IL passed an Outreach Budget of 23 events/activities for 2018-19, totaling \$12,450. This represents 7% of our annual budget. Of that budget, seven activities/projects meet the criteria, as outlined in the Matthew 25 Grant, for consideration. Those items are listed below:

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| 1. "Get to Know Your Neighbor" - \$1,500 | 5. School Supplies - \$500     |
| 2. Camp Scholarships - \$1,500           | 6. "Food for Kidz" - \$500     |
| 3. Community Seminars - \$900            | 7. Thanksgiving Dinner - \$250 |
| 4. Clothes Closet - \$500                | <b>TOTAL BUDGET - \$5,650</b>  |

1. The Church is located three blocks from a low-rent, subsidized housing complex and right in the middle of the Greenville town proper. We invite the town's residents to a dinner: "Get To Know Your Neighbor." We can meet them, communicate, ***build relationships***, and let them know who we are. They receive ***food***, social contacts, and an avenue for future assistance. **Will provide 6-8 dinners for 50 people each.**
2. We provide ***scholarships*** to the ABC/GRR Area IV Summer Camp (Springfield, IL), for any child in need. They will experience ***education*** and ***social connections*** with multi-generational Christians. **Will provide 11-21 scholarships based on age of the youth and their camp.**
3. We offer free seminars and workshops to the community to assist with ***educational needs, job-seeking skills***, and more. Some topics include life skills, budgeting on limited incomes, résumé writing, interviewing skills, business communication, family issues, gender differences in the workplace, etc. **Will provide up to 6-four week seminars for any member of the community desiring to attend.**
4. We provide ***free clothing*** from our Clothes Closet, to any individual or family in need, in our community. In addition, we purchase personal (new) items such as socks, underwear, bras, and shoes, and provide those, as well. **Will maintain the Closet and allow for purchases of additional personal items, throughout the year.**
5. We partner with the community "Simple Room," a not-for-profit group, that provides resources to low income, under-served, multi-ethnic youth in the area. They provide encouragement, tutoring, mentoring, and **FBC-Greenville helps by providing a place for after-school tutoring and school supplies. Will allow for purchases of backpacks and school supplies throughout the school year, not provided by the Simple Room.**
6. This is a project that utilizes donations from local churches and civic organizations to purchase and assemble ***food*** packets for the needy. **The required \$50 per person fee, for the cost of the food, allows 10 FBC members to participate and prepare 1600 meals for distribution to those in need.**
7. A full holiday dinner to provide between ***75 and 100 Thanksgiving meals*** to those in need.

# First Baptist Church - Greenville, IL

## Outreach Opportunities

2018 - 2019

		Matt:25	Budget	
1	Get to Know Your Neighbor	X	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
2	Camp Scholarship	X	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
3	Community Seminars	X	\$900.00	\$900.00
4	Clothes Closet	X	\$500.00	\$500.00
5	School Supplies	X	\$500.00	\$500.00
6	Food for Kidz	X	\$500.00	\$500.00
7	Thanksgiving Dinner	X	\$250.00	\$250.00
8	"Night in Bethlehem"		\$600.00	
9	Vacation Bible School		\$600.00	
10	Service in the Park		\$375.00	
11	Fall Festival		\$200.00	
12	Easter Egg Hunt & Bkft		\$375.00	
12	Easter Sunrise Service		\$145.00	
13	Mother's Tea		\$325.00	
14	Carnival		\$450.00	
15	Bond County Fair Outreach		\$400.00	
16	Car Show Water Giveaway		\$250.00	
17	Bus Ministry		\$2,400.00	
18	Visitor Fellowship Dinner		\$165.00	
19	New Resident Packages		\$100.00	
20	Apple Day		\$175.00	
21	Trunk or Treat		\$100.00	
22	Chili Giveaway		\$240.00	
23	Open Mic-Night		\$125.00	
			<b>\$12,675.00</b>	<b>\$5,650.00</b>

- Will provide 6-8 dinners for 50 people each.
- Will provide 11-21 scholarships based on age of the camper.
- Will provide up to 6-four week seminars.
- Will maintain the closet and allow for personal item purchases.
- Will allow purchases of backpacks and school supplies.
- Will allow for the preparation of 1600 meals for distribution to those in need.
- Will provide a Thanksgiving meal to 75-100 people.

## ***Matthew 25 Grant--Mission Statement Document***

The Mission Statement of the First Baptist Church of Greenville is the following:

***“Loving God, Loving People, in Service to Others”.***

This must seem a short and simple statement to most people viewing it for the first time, but “living it out” is certainly not simple. This statement has become a commitment of the Pastor, the church leaders, and the 60-80 regular attendees of First Baptist--Greenville. We believe that when we commit to loving God, we commit to serving Him in all He asks of us and for all aspects of thriving within a community. We believe that when we love God, we automatically take on the life of loving His people, as we are all created in His image. We believe that when we love God, He prepares each of us to serve others: those within our church, our neighborhood, our Greenville community, and those within Bond County. That’s what we’ve committed to and that’s what we’re doing.

In addition, our ministry spills over into the America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission, and the Retired Ministers and Missionaries offerings. We also meet our quotas for ABWM’s White Cross needs, and send those to the appropriate groups twice a year.