

## 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: West Side Baptist Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Member church

Address: 304 South Seneca  
Wichita, KS 67213

Phone: 316-262-7244 Cell Phone: 316-213-3830 Federal Tax ID# 48-6003625

Contact person: Elizabeth Spiess Email: wsbcwichita@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: \$12,120.00

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

6. Your other funding source(s): West Side Baptist Church; In-Kind Contributions (Total \$7,120.00)

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) Elizabeth Spiess Date: 02/21/2014

Printed Name/Title: Elizabeth Spiess/Lay Pastor

**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](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



**BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY 2014**  
**ABC/USA MATTHEW 25 GRANT REQUEST**  
West Side Baptist Church Wichita, Kansas 67213

**NEED-** West Side Baptist Church (WSBC) Wichita, Kansas is a congregation in transition. As traditional parishioners age, a new more ethnically diverse neighborhood population has emerged. In 2013, United Way identified the local community (zip code 67213) as a high poverty stricken area with poor school attendance and extremely significant high school dropout rate. Graduation rates at West High have been as low as 57-percent in recent years. Effects of hunger and homelessness include higher use of public school “Kids Eat Free” services and food bank use. While traditional members at WSBC are more secure in their lifestyle, (often having retired and exited the workforce) new participants brought with them different concerns and needs focused upon ameliorating their poverty. Government decisions to reduce or eliminate safety net services serve to aggravate the impact of poverty. The local, state and national economies are struggling to recover. Business is encouraged to develop jobs for the workforce. Many individuals are not prepared to join the workforce. Inability to obtain employment directly impacts families housing, feeding, education and health. WSBC has identified a top priority. There is a need for a job entry skills computer lab, in our church, to serve our community, as an essential starting point, building a “bridge out of poverty.”

**CONSEQUENCES** – Availability of employment is targeted around an applicant’s computer skill (ranging from online job applications to actual computer use for a job). Education and employment offer solutions for social ills. Local initiatives have conspired as barriers for use of computers to apply “on-line.” The municipal decision to not construct a new library and both the remoteness of and lack of workstations, at the neighborhood city hall, also pose barriers.

**GOAL** – During the first year of funding a process approach was identified that will benefit impoverished residents. To directly impact persons in poverty, this second request for funding targets the following: 1) use of both job and computer skills to obtain larger paychecks; 2) computer use to develop effective resumes; 3) develop computer literacy to apply on-line; and, 4) provide a vehicle for General Education Development certificates or high school diploma. Individuals will use both peer-based instruction and a computer curriculum, (Minnesota Literacy Council), to acquire skills for work, developing an effective resume and completing the job interview process (practicing both online and interview skills). Learning they have the ability to succeed and experiencing skill development will help lift adults and families out of poverty.

**OUTCOMES** - This second grant request is part of a process of program development. To evidence the success of this project, West Side Baptist Church commits itself to the following goals: 80% user satisfaction, 50 participants, improvement on participant Computer Literacy. Participant’s written comments will also be collected.

**COMMITMENT**-WSBC pledges commitments and in-kind contributions, approximately \$7,500 supporting this application. This initiative is part of a progressive planning process of program development and will be continued upon completion of this funding request. Results will be presented at a conference acknowledging the financial support of the ABCUSA.

**REQUEST** - This request is for computer hardware (\$2792.00), internet access (\$600.00), printer (\$400.00), Internet hub (\$52), translation service (\$250.00), computer software (\$750.00) and copying manuals (\$156).

Thank you for your help in this matter. Elizabeth Spiess, Lay-Pastor

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH  
COMPUTER LAB 2014 BUDGET

Budget Item	Explanation of Cost	<b><u>Requested</u></b>	In-Kind Contribution
<b><u>Personnel</u></b>			
FTE Program Coordinator	\$3,600 1 <sup>st</sup> year salary		\$3,600.00
PTE Lab Instructor	\$1000 1 <sup>st</sup> year salary		\$1,000.00
Class room Para	\$10per hour		\$520.00
Translation Service	\$250.00	<b><u>\$250.00</u></b>	
<b><u>Non-Personnel</u></b>			
Lab Computers	4 Dell <a href="#">OptiPlex3020@\$499.00</a>	<b><u>\$1,996.00</u></b>	
Lab Monitors	4 Dell SKU <a href="#">858-BBBL@\$199.00</a>	<b><u>\$796.00</u></b>	
Lab Printer	\$400.00 (1 Unit)	<b><u>\$400.00</u></b>	
Internet Access	Phone &Internet	<b><u>\$600.00</u></b>	
Ceiling Projector	Used Projector		\$500.00
Internet Hub	Hub (1 Unit)	<b><u>\$52.00</u></b>	
Computer Software	TECHSOUP MICROSOFT 8.1 &365	<b><u>\$750.00</u></b>	
Copying Manuals		<b><u>\$156.00</u></b>	
<b><u>Other Costs</u></b>			
Paper	\$300.00		\$300.00
Toner & Ink	\$300.00		\$300.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00		\$100.00
<b><u>Overhead Costs</u></b>			
Utilities	Water, Electric, Gas, & Trash		\$800.00
Total Amount Requested		<b><u>\$5,000.00</u></b>	
<i>Total In-Kind Contributions</i>			<i>\$7,120.00</i>
<b>TOTAL 2014 BUDGET: \$12,120.00</b>			

### **Sunday Services**

9:30 am Study and Prayer

10:45 am Celebration

Service and Children's  
Church

### **Wednesday Night**

5:30 pm Fellowship Meal

6:00 pm Computer Lab  
Class

6:30 pm Bible Study

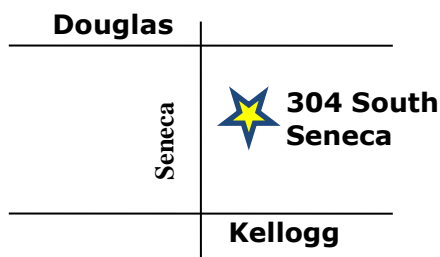
Other groups meet on a weekly or monthly basis for a time of enrichment and growth through Bible Study, prayer and small groups.

### **Tuesday & Thursday Evening**

Self-Help Groups  
(Pre-Marriage, Grief)

Contact Office for other  
event times:  
(316) 262-7244

### **How to Find Us:**



## **Our Mission**

With energy and wisdom supplied by God's Holy Spirit, we will live as a community of believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, offering love and hope in a world of hate and despair. We will challenge people to find a personal relationship with God, and we will challenge people to achieve their full Christian potential as they participate in the life of the church.

## **Our Vision**

We are a congregation of active Christians where Jesus is our center, the Bible is our guide, and people matter.

## **Welcome to:**

# **West Side Baptist Church**

304 South Seneca  
Wichita, KS 67213  
(316) 262-7244  
Fax: (316) 425-1868

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday -Fri 10:00 – 1:00

Rev. Robert Hanthorn,  
Interim

Email:  
[wsbcwichita@gmail.com](mailto:wsbcwichita@gmail.com)

**An American Baptist Church**

West Side Baptists community outreach includes being a center for the performing arts by hosting the *Delano Chamber Players*, which include a professional level *Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Brass and Chamber Music Series* in addition to multi-level *Youth Orchestras*. Their website is [delanochamberplayers.org](http://delanochamberplayers.org) and can be contacted by phone at 316-259-0467 or email at [martinfam1@cox.net](mailto:martinfam1@cox.net). Concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 3:00PM.

The Matthew 25 Computer Lab at West Side Baptist Church exists to serve others. We have classes that teach Basic Computer Skills as well as Microsoft Word and Power Point designed to help further job skills.

You are encouraged to be part of one of our groups.

**Special Events & activities:**

- **Camping groups**
- **Summer activities**
- **Trips, etc.**
- **All geared with you in mind**

**(316)262-7244 for info**

## ***The WEST SIDE Strategy***

West Side Baptists' strategy for serving others is focused around a foundation of prayer and four basic pillars of faith.

**Prayer** – We believe that prayer is the foundation which supports our relationship with God and each other. We believe that prayer centers our life and prepares us to greet the world.

**Evangelism** – We believe in the need to reach others with the Good News of the Risen Savior.

**Discipleship** – We believe that all Christians are on a life-long journey, and commit to further our knowledge of Christ, the Bible, and our place in the world.

**Nurture** – We believe in nurturing both the physical and spiritual needs of our congregation and in being prepared to open ourselves to the wider circle.

**Obedience** – We believe that Jesus' restating of the Ten Commandment's found in the gospels provide direction for living our life: to love God and to love others as ourselves.

## **West Side Target Groups**

**Everyone** is welcome. We hope to see you here!

**Seniors** - We reach out to retired, energetic, active leaders (REAL People) with a message of acceptance and love. Come and join us.

**Engaged & Young Married** – Establishing a foundation for marriage and continuing to build on the skills required for marriage are critical to create strong families able to face the changing world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our Bible-centered approach to life teaches couples how to live and build upon their love.

**Young** – Children need secure places to play and feel at ease in our changing world. We seek to establish daily and weekend events designed to reach both elementary and middle school age children.