

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: **THE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: *In fellowship with the ABC since 1951, including ABCOPAD & the Riverside Association. We have financially supported all ABC annual offerings and individual missionaries / mission projects for the past 63 years and currently support five missionary individuals and couples by name.*

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement:

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Springfield Baptist is a Christ centered, Bible believing and teaching church. We strive to be a unified, loving, spiritually growing congregation involved in evangelism and ministry throughout the world.

- 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. See page #2.

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 **\$5000**. See budget on page #2.

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$5000**. Our church has no budgeted amount to support this ministry.

6. Your other funding source(s) We anticipate receiving fees and reimbursements from participants, and there is a potential for fund-raisers. Other sources of funding may be found, however, this is a specifically Christian ministry and we anticipate no governmental funding.

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 29 August 2014

Printed Name/Title _____

Rev. Wylie W. Johnson Senior 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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



WORK OF GRACE

FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY

Observed Need: 'Work of Grace' is a ministry that directly affects the well-being and spiritual condition of impoverished children. Many children originate from minority and bi-racial biological parents. Nearly all of the children in the social work system come from addicted-adjudicated-dysfunctional-impoverished family systems. In Delaware County, PA the Social Work system does an adequate job of training and vetting potential foster parents. However, there is a dearth of support group ministries specifically designed to help parents with the on-going, stressful emotional and spiritual challenges that foster parenting engenders. Parents often feel inadequate for the life they've chosen, and are in deep need of emotional and spiritual support. When parents feel they are fully equipped and supported the home life they are able to provide for their foster children is greatly enhanced. This grant request underwrites the vision we have for a start-up ministry at Springfield Baptist Church.

Ministry Leaders:

1. Deacon Jim & Amie Cannon. They have 1 biological child, and 4 foster kids that were in their care starting from the beginning of the children's foster care and are adopted. The Cannons have a 6th child that they fostered for 2+ years and are waiting on the court system to approve that adoption. They have fostered a total of 10 foster kids over 7.5 years. They are highly experienced foster parents.
2. Jennifer and Robert Brown. They have 1 foster child for about 2 years in addition to 3 biological kids.
3. Youth Pastor, Rev. Robert and Dena Davalt, They are currently providing guardianship, to 2 kids that are involved with the youth group and church!

Purpose: To provide a safe, spiritual and supportive environment for Parents of foster and adopted children to discuss their challenges, and to assist each other in the loving and difficult life as a parent of a foster child(ren) and those who adopt such children.

Program: The support group is designed to provide the following supports in bi-monthly meetings:

1. Guided discussion on materials with strong Scriptural input preparing parents for the full range of foster and adoptive issues.
2. Discussion of current problems and mutual aid and support.
3. Provide training, resources, and assistance in addressing local, state and federal helping agencies.

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FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY BUDGET

Priority	Item	Explanation	
1	Child Care	\$10/hr. x 3 hrs. x 24 meetings = \$720/each. 2 adults required.	\$1440.00
2	*Materials	Listed below	\$1950.00
3	Training	Certified Instructors + resources	\$ 500.00
4	Presenters	Honoraria (\$30 x 12 = \$360)	\$ 360.00
5	Excursions	Assist families with basic costs.	\$ 500.00
6	Emergency Aid	Short-term loan to assist families with crisis outlays.	\$ 250.00
		TOTAL	\$5000.00

*See estimated costs below.

MATERIALS:	25 copies each except where noted.	Unit Price	Total Cost
Becoming Home: Adoption, Foster Care, and Mentoring--Living Out God's Heart for Orphans, Author: Jedd Medefind		\$7.99/ea.	\$199.75
Wounded Children, Healing Homes: How Traumatized Children Impact Adoptive and Foster Families Authors: Jayne Schooler, Betsy Keefer Smalley, Timothy Callahan		\$14.75/ea.	\$368.75
Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew Author: Sherrie Eldridge		\$15.00/ea.	\$375.00
"WORK OF GRACE" parent embroidered polo shirts x 50		\$20.00/ea.	\$1,000
	Total:		\$1943.50