

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
Affiliation with ABCUSA Yes
Address 216 E. 2nd
Wichita, KS 67202
Phone 316-263-5285 Federal Tax ID# 48-0543702
Contact person Pastor Steve Toews email stoews@fbc-wichita.org

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 \$12,000

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Donations - \$6,000 and CROP Walk - \$1,000

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) Dennis D. Nichols Date November 14, 2014

Printed Name/Title Dennis D. Nichols, Director of Neighborhood Fellowship

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.



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NEIGHBORHOOD FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

BUDGET

April 1, 2015 – March 30, 2016

Food Purchases & Purchase of Milk, Orange Juice & Coffee	\$12,000
Bible Study Snacks	\$780
Bibles for Studies & Distribution	\$200
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 12 MONTHS	\$12,980

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD FELLOWSHIP

MAKING DISCIPLES TO IMPACT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR JESUS

MISSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD FELLOWSHIP: *Develop a vibrant Neighborhood Fellowship/Church in the spirit of Acts 2:42 of those from the immediate neighborhood of 1st Baptist; both the homeless as well as poor living in local housing, with the members ultimately providing their own leadership and reach-out to those in need within its neighborhood. The Neighborhood Fellowship will practice the mutually interdependent and inseparable ministries of word and deed with the single purpose of spreading the Kingdom of God.*

Neighborhood Fellowship Director

The Neighborhood Fellowship will be under the leadership of the Neighborhood Fellowship Director who will serve as a staff member of the First Baptist Church (FBC). He will meet the qualifications of an overseer as identified in I Timothy 3:1-7 and will report to the FBC Senior Pastor and be accountable to the FBC Wichita Outreach Division.

Team Leaders

Each segment of the Neighborhood Fellowship will be headed up by a Team Leader who will serve under the direction of the Neighborhood Fellowship Director. The teams will include: 1.) Team A (Week 1 Breakfast Preparation and Service); 2.) Team B (Week 2 Breakfast Preparation and Service); 3.) Team C (Week 3 Breakfast Preparation and Service); 4.) Team D (Week 4 & 5 Breakfast Preparation and Service); 5.) Hospitality; 6.) Purchasing of Food & Supplies; 7.) Free Medical Clinic; 8.) Worship and 9.) Prayer Ministry. Each Team Leader is responsible for recruitment of volunteers, orientation to the Neighborhood Fellowship Vision; provision of voluntary sensitivity training, and overall direction of the volunteers.

Lay Leader Team

A Lay Leader Team consisting of five individuals selected from those that participate in the Neighborhood Fellowship will be appointed to serve in the manner of Acts 6:1-4. The Director of the Neighborhood Fellowship in consultation with the Senior Pastor and Team Leaders will select and appoint the members of the Lay Leader Team. Each Lay member will be assigned to one of five of the Team Leaders to assist them in any manner deemed appropriate by the Team Leader. Team Leaders will mentor their assigned Lay Leader such that in their absence the Lay Leader can assume their responsibilities.

The ultimate purpose of the Lay Leader Team will be to develop a model for future leadership of the Neighborhood Fellowship. As such, the selection of Lay Leader Team members will be carefully accomplished. Each Lay Leader Team member must meet the following criteria based upon I Timothy 3:8-10: 1.) Men and women worthy of respect; 2.) Sincere; 3.) Not abusing alcohol or drugs; 4.) Not pursuing dishonest gain; 5.) Must hold to the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience; 6.) Regular participants of the Neighborhood Fellowship Worship Service and regularly attend one or more weekly Bible Studies; 7.) Must be willing to submit to the leadership of the Director and assigned Team Leader; and 8.) Willing to serve under the mentorship of the Director and assigned Team Leader.

Deed Ministries

As stated, word and deed are equally necessary, mutually interdependent and inseparable ministries, each carried out with the single purpose of spreading the Kingdom of God to assure a healthy Neighborhood Fellowship. As such, deed ministries will be conducted with the motive of love and in recognition that an individual's most fundamental need is reconciliation to God.

Two key recognized needs of those in the FBC neighborhood is the absence of a free Sunday morning breakfast and free medical care. Hence, a free Sunday morning fellowship meal (breakfast) is held along with a free medical clinic. The fellowship breakfast and free medical clinic are the core ministries to meet the "needs" of the homeless and neighborhood poor. Other ancillary ministries are provided including, but not limited to free dental clinics, free haircuts and mending. Care will always be given to assure that the core ministries will not be diluted by trying to serve too many other needs or addressing needs already being met by other entities.

Ministry of the Word

It is critical to remember that for those that attend the Neighborhood Fellowship, the fundamental need is reconciliation with God. In light of this, it is essential that word ministries will be provided with the mindset shaped by a conviction that salvation is:

- Free and unmerited grace (a gift of God);
- Based upon Christ and his righteousness, his finished work on the cross and resurrection; and
- Applied to hearts through the convicting/regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.

A grace filled worship service composed of prayer, worship music, and a sermon/teaching will be provided each Sunday morning. The fellowship breakfast will follow the worship service thereby providing the elements of the Acts 2:42 church; teaching, prayer and the breaking of bread. Bible studies after the fellowship breakfast and on Tuesday afternoons will provide additional teaching and provision of the ministry of the word. One-on-one discipleship will be practiced in developing leaders.

Summary

Establishing a church of homeless and urban poor can be a challenge for many obvious reasons; but nevertheless the church is God's method and nothing is too difficult for God. Our prayer will be for God's guidance and grace to develop a Fellowship that honors and glorifies Him.

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.)

The funds will be used for purchasing milk, orange juice, coffee and foodstuffs which are used in the preparation of breakfasts served each Sunday morning to the homeless and urban poor in the Wichita downtown neighborhood. To assure nutrition no powdered or premade goods are used. All food is prepared from "scratch" by volunteers.

There are limited food services on week-ends for the homeless and poor in downtown Wichita; especially on Sunday mornings. For this reason the church decided a number of years ago to address this need while being Jesus to those that attend. An average of from 165 to 200 individuals participates each Sunday.

The doors of the church are opened at 7:30 a.m. since many of the clients will have spent the night sleeping outdoors or in shelters. This provides a refuge especially during cold winter months. Newspapers are available for the clients and reading glasses are provided as needed. This time also allows attendees to fellowship and for volunteers to mingle with them for the purpose of offering friendship and encouragement.

A worship service begins at 8:10 a.m. which includes worship music, prayer and a sermon. Clients are not required to attend the worship service in order to participate in the breakfast, but it is gratifying that almost all attendees participate in the worship service.

Breakfast then follows at 8:45 a.m. Volunteer serve the food to each person with the intent of personalizing the dining experience. Besides nutritional food being served milk, orange juice and coffee are provided.

At 9:30 Bible studies are offered for participants. These studies have average attendance of 25 to 30 men and women. Another Bible study is offered Tuesday afternoons and attendance averages approximately 20 men and women. For those wishing to go deeper in their walk with the Lord one-on-one discipleship occurs.

In summary, the Neighborhood Fellowship practices the mutually interdependent and inseparable ministries of word and deed with the purpose of promoting physical and spiritual health and the spread of the Kingdom of God.