

3-5 MINUTE TALKING POINTS

**Pastors/ Leaders feel free to use these points to guide your message, making them your own.*



I Introduction: Our Shared Mission

- "Good morning, church family. Today, I want to briefly share about a vital part of how we, as Kentucky Baptists, extend the reach of the Gospel right here in our state: the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions."
- "Missions, at its heart, is what we do as believers to reach beyond our own needs and witness for Christ, fulfilling the Great Commission."
- "The Eliza Broadus Offering (EBO) is our annual state-wide effort to support missions and ministries across Kentucky. It's been doing this for over a century, since its founding in 1913 under the leadership of Eliza Broadus."

II The 2026 Theme: "Fill the Gap

- "Our theme for 2026, 'Fill the Gap,' beautifully captures what EBO is all about: Where brokenness leaves a gap, God fills it with grace. Through our prayers and generosity, gospel hope reaches the lost across Kentucky."
- "Ephesians 4:15-16 reminds us, 'But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.' We are called to be part of God's mending work."
- "These 'gaps' are not abstract; they are real needs across Kentucky: hunger, vulnerable families, poverty, communities with little gospel presence, young adults searching for purpose, and churches needing partners to reach new people."

III EBO's Real Impact: Because You Give

- "100% of your generosity to EBO directly enables gospel transformation right here in Kentucky. Let me share just a few examples of the tangible difference your giving makes:"
- "Just \$2 provides gospel tracts to pregnancy center clients, sharing the truth of Christ."
- "For \$20, backpacks are filled with school supplies for children in need."
- "A gift of \$100 equips local churches with block party materials for community outreach, opening doors for the Gospel."
- "And \$1200 can send a young adult on a week-long missions and discipleship experience, equipping them to share their faith."

**** (Pick 2-3 examples that resonate most with your group/congregation from the 2026 Churchwide Planning Guide) ****

IV How We Participate: Pray, Promote, Give

"So, how can we be a part of this vital, gap-filling work? It's simple:"

- **PRAY:** Pray for the collective efforts of Kentucky Baptists to make disciples across the Commonwealth.
- **PROMOTE:** Use the materials available to share about the Eliza Broadus Offering with others.
- **GIVE:** Support Kentucky Baptist missions and ministry efforts as we reach Kentucky and beyond with the Gospel.

V Conclusion: Together, Filling the Gap

- "God is at work across Kentucky, meeting real needs and changing lives through the Gospel. Through the Eliza Broadus Offering, we join Him in that work."
- "Every prayer matters. Every gift matters. Every act of obedience matters. Together, we are helping send gospel hope across Kentucky. Together, we are truly filling the gap where lostness is greatest."