



GATHERING WITH A PURPOSE

EVENT PLAN

A KentuckyWMU Women's Gathering
Featuring a Kintsugi-Inspired Craft
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Fill the Gap

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Scripture: *Ephesians 4:15-16 (CSB)*

"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."

Purpose

This gathering is designed to help women understand how Kentucky Baptists work together through the Eliza Broadus Offering to "fill the gap" so every person in Kentucky has opportunities to hear the gospel. Through fellowship, prayer, Scripture, and a meaningful Kintsugi-inspired craft, participants will be reminded that God often uses ordinary people, working together, to bring hope, healing, and the gospel to places where it is needed most.

Event Overview

Length: 2 Hours

Audience: Adult Women & Teen Girls

Meal

- Simple themed meal (ideas below)
- Blue table accents
- Gold napkins or chargers
- Small vase with baby's breath or white flowers

Devotional

- Bible
- EBO Prayer Guide
- Information sheets about the eight featured ministries

Prayer Time

Map of Kentucky

Eight ministry cards

Sticky notes or prayer cards

Craft

For each participant:

- White cardstock bookmark or folded greeting card
- Fine-tip black marker
- Gold metallic paint pen or gold acrylic paint
- Small paintbrushes (if using paint)
- Painter's tape (optional)
- Paper towels
- Protective table covering
- Envelopes (if making cards)



Suggested Schedule

Time	Activity
0:00-0:20	Meal & Fellowship
0:20-0:25	Welcome and Introduction
0:25-0:30	5-Minute Devotional
0:30-0:50	Prayer for the Eight Featured Ministries
0:50-1:35	Kintsugi Craft with Guided Conversation
1:35-1:50	Sharing and Reflection
1:50-2:00	Offering Challenge & Closing Prayer

Decorations

Use the Fill the Gap color palette:

- Light blues, Gold accents
- White ceramics
- Wooden serving boards
- Gold picture frames
- Kentucky map
- Theme Poster
- Scripture displayed prominently

Scatter small pieces of broken pottery (or faux ceramic pieces) on tables as conversation starters.

Themed Meal Ideas

Keep the meal simple. Here are some ideas.

Option 1

"Pieces Together" Salad Bar

Everyone builds their own salad from many individual ingredients, illustrating how many pieces become one meal.

Option 2

Soup & Bread

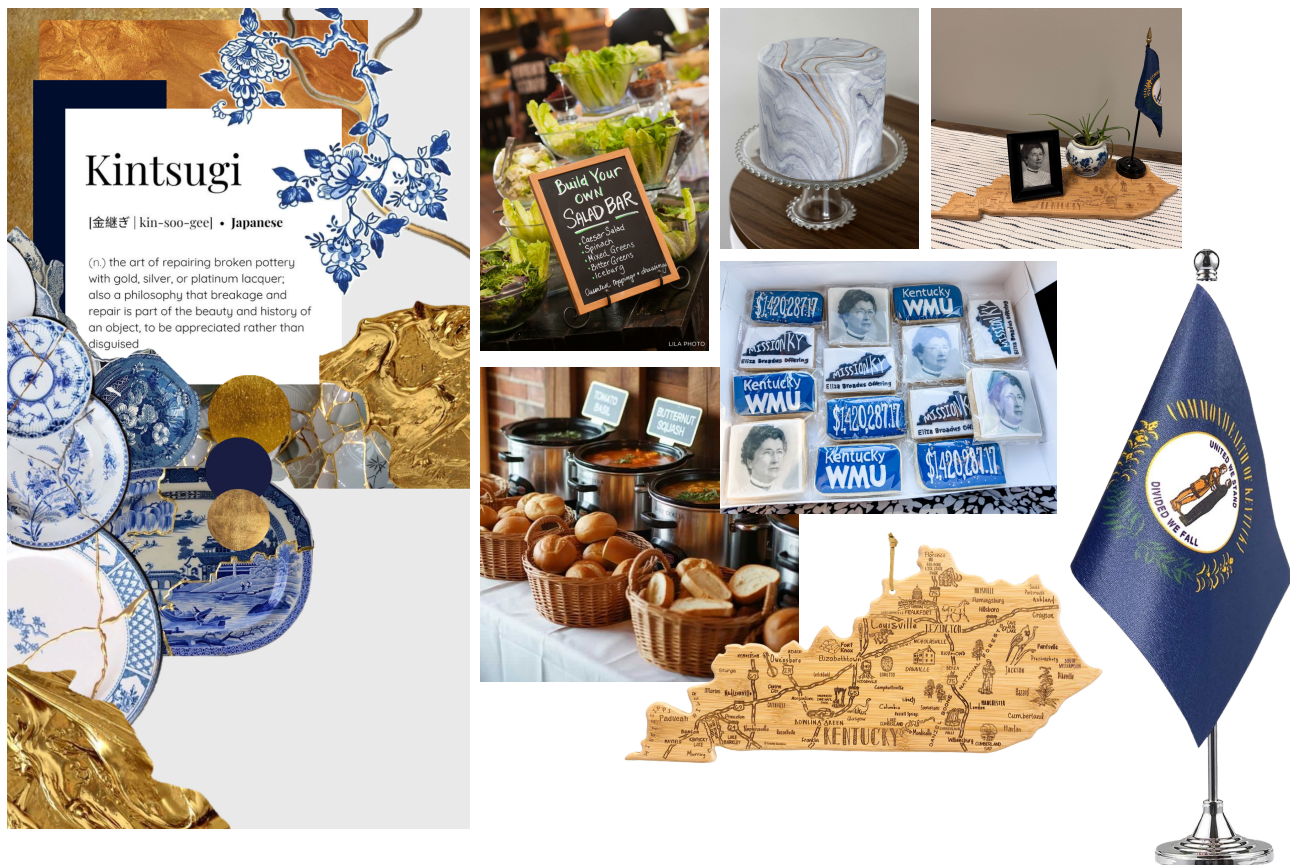
Serve warm soup with artisan bread.

Conversation starter:

"What is one person who helped fill a gap in your life spiritually?"

Dessert

Gold-drizzled sugar cookies or white cupcakes with gold sprinkles.



Welcome (5 Minutes)

Leader says:

Tonight we're gathering with purpose—not simply to enjoy a meal or make a craft—but to remember that every Kentucky Baptist has a place in God's mission. Through praying, giving, serving, and going, we help fill gaps so more people can hear the gospel.

Five-Minute Devotional

Scripture

Read Ephesians 4:15-16 (CSB).

Devotional

Paul reminds us that the Church grows because every believer has a role to play. Christ is the head, but He chooses to work through His people. No one person can meet every need, reach every community, or support every ministry alone. Instead, God joins us together so that each person strengthens another.

Sometimes we think our contribution is too small to matter. Maybe it's a prayer, an offering, a meal served, a mission trip, or a word of encouragement. Yet God uses every act of obedience to strengthen His body.

That is exactly what the Eliza Broadus Offering does.

Across Kentucky there are communities with spiritual needs, churches planting new congregations, ministries serving families in crisis, volunteers sharing Christ through compassion ministries, and missionaries faithfully serving in places many of us may never visit. There are gaps.

- Some gaps are geographic.
- Some are relational.
- Some are physical.
- Some are spiritual.

When Kentucky Baptists give to the Eliza Broadus Offering, we are helping fill those gaps. Our gifts become training, church planting, compassion ministries, evangelism, disaster relief, campus ministry, and so much more.

Like the Japanese art of Kintsugi, where broken pottery is repaired with gold, God often brings beauty through what seems broken. He also calls His people to step into the broken places of our state—not hiding the cracks, but allowing His love to shine through them.

Tonight we'll pray for ministries serving across Kentucky and create a reminder that God can use each of us to help fill the gap.

Prayer Experience (20 Minutes)

Place a Kentucky map in the center of the room. Surround it with the eight featured ministry cards. Invite participants to walk around the table.

As they pray:

- Place a hand on the map.
- Write a prayer on a sticky note. Attach it near one of the ministries.
- Pray silently or with a partner.

After several minutes, gather everyone together.

Invite eight volunteers to each pray briefly for one featured ministry.

Finish by praying together:

“Lord, help us see the gaps around us and respond with compassion. Use our prayers, our gifts, and our lives so every Kentuckian has the opportunity to hear the gospel. Amen.”

Craft Time (45 Minutes)

Kintsugi-Inspired Bookmark or Encouragement Card

Before Participants Begin

Explain:

Kintsugi is the Japanese practice of repairing broken pottery with gold. While our craft isn't authentic Kintsugi, it reminds us of an important gospel truth:

- God restores broken lives.
- He also uses His Church to help bring hope where there are gaps.

Every gold line we'll draw tonight reminds us that God's love reaches into broken places—and He often works through His people to do it.

Instructions

Participants may choose:

Bookmark or Encouragement Card

Step 1

Draw several irregular "crack" lines across the bookmark or card.

Step 2

Trace over those lines with a gold paint pen.

Step 3

Add one of these phrases:

- Fill the Gap
- Sent Together
- Every Part Matters
- Speak the Truth in Love
- Christ Holds Us Together

Step 4

Write Ephesians 4:15-16 or simply:

"Ephesians 4:15-16"

Step 5

Decorate with simple blue watercolor accents or gold dots.

Guided Conversation During Craft Time

Every 8-10 minutes ask one question.

- Who helped fill a spiritual gap in your life?
- Which featured ministry connected with you the most?
- How has someone's generosity encouraged your faith?
- What gap do you see in your own community?
- How could our church become better at filling that gap?

Sharing Time (15 Minutes)

Invite any one who would like to share:

- Their bookmark or card
- A prayer burden
- A ministry that impacted them

Keep this relaxed and conversational.

Closing Challenge

Leader says:

The cracks in our craft aren't something to hide.

They remind us that God brings hope into broken places.

Across Kentucky there are still communities waiting to hear about Jesus.

- Some need churches.
- Some need compassion.
- Some need encouragement.
- Some simply need someone willing to go.

The Eliza Broadus Offering allows Kentucky Baptists to work together so that those gaps are filled—not by one church or one person, but by all of us serving together as the body of Christ.

May tonight remind us that every prayer, every gift, every act of service, and every gospel conversation matters.

Together, we can help fill the gap.

Optional Take-Home Challenge

Give each participant a small card that says:

This Week I Will Help Fill the Gap By...

- Pray for one featured ministry.
- Give toward the Eliza Broadus Offering. Encourage someone who is struggling.
- Share the gospel with one person.
- Invite someone to church or Bible study. Learn more about Kentucky missions.

Closing Prayer

"Father, thank You for making each of us part of Your body. Help us to speak the truth in love, to serve faithfully where You have placed us, and to work together so every person in Kentucky has the opportunity to hear the gospel. Use our prayers, our generosity, and our lives to fill the gaps with the hope of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen."