



Teaching Guide for Adults

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Leader Background Information

Kentucky Baptists through the leadership of Kentucky WMU observe the Season of Prayer for State Missions in September. The suggested dates are September 9-16, 2018. **Testify!** is based on Acts 20:24, *But I do not account my life of any value not as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.* (ESV)

Desired Outcome

Adults will learn about lostness in Kentucky, ministries supported by the Eliza Broadus Offering®, pray for missions in Kentucky, and be encouraged to give generously for state missions.

2018 State Missions Resources

The Testify Master Article, teaching plans, videos, Lostness in Kentucky PowerPoint, and other resources are found online at kywmu.org/ebo. If you are unable to download or need assistance, please contact Kentucky WMU. Posters, prayer guides, and offering envelopes will be mailed to churches with a standing order. Should your church need to start or modify a standing order, please contact the Kentucky WMU Office.

Before the Session

1. Read the Testify! Master Article for 2018. Pray for God's guidance as you prepare to lead your specific audience.
2. View all of the video segments for the 2018 State Missions emphasis. Prepare to show the ones suggested in this teaching plan or that you select for the mission study based on time available and special interests of your congregation.
3. Review the Lostness in Kentucky PowerPoint and/or print the handout, "Top 25 Counties in Need of Church Planting."
4. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of your congregation/group to both hear and understand how they can be involved in ministry to win the lost to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.
5. Promote the date/time/location of the adult study. Publicize the study throughout the church via clearly displayed signs, the church bulletin, newsletter, and website. Also utilize social media to promote the event (Facebook, Twitter, personal text messages to cell phones, E-vite, etc.).

2018 State Missions Emphasis Highlights

Suggested Date: September 9-16, 2018

Suggested Scripture: Acts 20:24 ESV: "*But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*"

Music Suggestions: Freely, Freely; Shout to the North; People Need the Lord; Take It to the Streets (Matt Redman, 2006); Until the Whole World Hears (Casting Crowns, 2009); Testify (Need to Breathe, 2016).

Download from kywmu.org/ebo:

Master Article, Teaching Plans, & Other Print Resources: information about ministries in Kentucky; teaching plans for all ages; churchwide promotion ideas, and more.

Videos:

- Paul Chitwood
- Lostness in Kentucky
- Multiply Eastern Kentucky
- EBO & Campus Ministry
- EBO & Church Planting
- EBO & Evangelism
- EBO Supports Evangelism, Church Planting, & Collegiate Ministry
- Disaster Relief Providing Help, Healing, Hope
- Kentucky Changers Testify!
- Testify! Sacks of Love
- Christmas Backpacks

PowerPoint:

- Lostness in Kentucky
- Kentucky Regional Lostness Report

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www.kywmu.org/ebo

6. Obtain Testify! prayer guides and Eliza Broadus Offering (EBO) envelopes for participants. Print copies of the 2018-2019 EBO Allocations included with this teaching plan.
7. Print copies of the current issue of InterSEED, a monthly prayer calendar for Kentucky missionaries, to share during prayer time. Available from: kybaptist.org/interseed.
8. Enlist people to assist with the study:
 - A volunteer to lead one or more music selections suggested for the emphasis or a person to sing a solo.
 - A volunteer to provide technical support for the video clips to be shown as well as the sound system, if necessary.
 - A volunteer to close the session with prayer for state missions. Ask him/her to specifically pray for the missionaries and ministries presented during the study as well as the requests on the prayer guide.
 - One or two volunteers to hand out materials for the session.

During the Session

1. Open the session with prayer, asking God to use this time to teach participants of the lostness in Kentucky and how they can help make a difference in Kentucky. Use music to begin the emphasis. Refer to the list of recommended music.
2. Say: *What is your perception of the number of lost people in Kentucky? You may think there is a low number, after all, all my friends go to church. Or you might believe there are so many churches of all faiths and denominations that there may not be many that are lost and do not know Jesus as their Savior.*

In 2015 the population of Kentucky was estimated to be 4,425,273. 51.6% identify as being a part of some type of religious group. That is roughly 2.3 million people. 33.8% identify themselves as a member of a religious organization. That is just under 1.5 million people. 13% identify themselves as regularly attending religious worship services. That number is 575,911 people.

Currently there are 2,503 Kentucky Baptist congregations across the commonwealth seeking to reach the MILLIONS of lost Kentuckians with the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is 1 church for every 1,768 residents in the Kentucky. Many of us may not have known the depth of the need in Kentucky, right in our neighborhoods of those that are lost.
3. Say: *Kentucky has long been considered in the “Bible Belt.” However, the lostness in Kentucky is staggering. Of the top twenty-five counties, with the highest percentage of lostness, nineteen are located in the eastern part of our state. (Utilize the Lostness in Kentucky PowerPoint or the handout “Top 25 Counties in Need of Church Planting.)*
4. Show the video clip “Lostness in Kentucky.”
5. Say: *What do you believe can be done to reach our state?*
6. Show video clip “EBO & Church Planting.”
7. Say: *As you heard Todd Gray say, the Eliza Broadus Offering helps with church planting in Kentucky. Creekside Baptist Church is an example of those dollars at work. However, church plants are not just for the eastern Kentucky area. Could God be laying upon your heart to help plant a new church? As believers we are called to Testify and reach the lost across our state. Perhaps you are not called to help plant a church, however you can pray earnestly for the lostness of Kentucky. You can also give to the Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering.*
8. Use the next few minutes discussing what can be done in your community to do intentional witnessing to the lost. Say: *What types of needs do people have? Meeting the physical needs can lead someone to see the love of Christ and receive Him as their Lord and Savior. Ask yourself, “What am I doing to testify to the lost people in my neighborhood or in other areas of Kentucky? How can I share? Do I have a testimony ready to share?”* Encourage attendees to participate in **3 Circles** or other evangelism training. Stress the importance of being prepared to share your testimony.

9. Distribute copies of the Testify! State Missions Prayer Guide, Eliza Broadus Offering Allocations, and offering envelopes. Discuss how the funds are used through the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Baptist Associations, ministries which apply to Kentucky WMU for grants, and for missions education through Kentucky WMU.
10. Distribute copies of the current InterSEED prayer calendar and share how this can be downloaded monthly to pray for Kentucky missionaries.
11. Say, *“Our church goal is \$ _____ for state missions through the Eliza Broadus Offering. You can see the need for prayer and participation in Kentucky missions. Each ministry also depends on our sacrificial giving. I encourage you to seek God’s guidance on how much you will give so people can experience God’s light. May we remember this week and always to **Testify!**”*
12. Close in prayer for state missions and church planting in Kentucky. Pray for each request on the prayer guide and for Kentucky missionaries.

About the writer: Wanda Walker serves as the Adult and Churchwide Consultant for Kentucky WMU. She is the WMU Director at First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington.

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Kentucky State Missions,
Associations & Special Ministries,
And Missions Education

2018-19 State Missions Allocations



Kentucky Baptist Convention	\$875,000
Missions Mobilization	387,000
State Missionaries.....	200,000
Church & Community Missionaries & Mercy Initiatives	75,000
Metro Ministry Centers.....	30,000
Missions Mobilization Coordinator	30,000
Ministry Centers Buildings	7,000
State Missionaries Retreat.....	3,000
Disaster Relief Ministry, Training, Equipment.....	35,000
Refugee Ministry	7,000
Evangelism & Church Planting	468,000
Church Planting (Anglo/Language).....	220,000
Church Planter Network, Resources, Training	15,000
Student Evangelism Events	35,000
Evangelism Strategy Implementation	30,000
Reach Evangelism Conference	5,000
Crossover.....	8,000
Hispanic Bible Institute.....	7,000
Hispanic Evangelism/Missions Conference.....	7,000
Ethnic Evangelism Training/ Work with Pastors	10,000
Ethnic Summer/Seasonal Missionary Work	6,000
BCM Student Summer Missions.....	10,000
Baptist Campus Ministry	45,000
International Student Ministry	70,000
Capitol Chaplain	20,000

Kentucky Baptist Associations & Special Ministries **\$135,000**

All Kentucky Baptist Associations will be given a ministry grant of \$500 provided the association meets EBO grant guidelines. Additional requests for Special Ministries Funds may be made through an application process.

Kentucky Baptist affiliated ministries may apply, including ministries of associations, MSC missionaries, etc.

The deadline for submitting an EBO allocation request from the 2018-19 offering is **December 15, 2018**.

Download instructions and application form: kywmu.org/eboapplication.

Kentucky WMU

Missions Education, Work with Churches & Associations, Leader Development	102,670
Missions Events, Kentucky Changers, Creative Ministries	66,430
Missions Promotion & Season of Prayer	70,900

ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING GOAL **\$1,250,000**



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Top 25 KY Counties in Need of Church Planting Efforts

Ranking/County/Region		
1	Campbell	North Central
2	Jessamine	North Central
3	Bullitt	Central
4	Rowan	East
5	Pike	East
6	Carter	East
7	Floyd	East
8	Johnson	East
9	Kenton	North Central
10	McCreary	South
11	Boone	North Central
12	Breathitt	East
13	Knott	East
14	Montgomery	North Central
15	Oldham	Central
16	Greenup	East
17	Martin	East
18	Morgan	East
19	Lawrence	East
20	Laurel	South
21	Lewis	East
22	Madison	South
23	Perry	East
24	Grayson	South Central
25	Magoffin	East

For additional information:

**As Far As the East is From the West:
An Analysis of the Spiritual Differences Among the
Geographic Regions of Kentucky**

By

Jason Lowe

Director of Missions

Pike Association of Southern Baptists

Download the full report at: www.kywmu.org/ebo