**2018 Mission Illinois Offering & Week of Prayer**

**Sample Announcement Script**

**From the Pulpit:**

Imagine a place in America where people have never heard the gospel. That place is Illinois. The Illinois Baptist State Association is a partnership of 1,000 churches, church plants, and mission congregations, but there are 200 places, people, and groups in need of a gospel teaching church. IBSA’s goal is a gospel-preaching church within reach of everyone.

Illinois is a mission field. The 70,000 or 75,000 people that gather in Southern Baptist churches are really just a drop in the bucket that is Illinois. IBSA equips more than 6,500 church leaders each year to help pastors and mission leaders to grow to the next level, then help them to be that much more effective to reach others for the Kingdom of God.

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**From the Bulletin:**

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