



# European Baptist Church Planting Conference

**Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**10am – 4pm**  
**Arklow, Ireland**

**European Church planting Conference date Changed to Nov 24<sup>th</sup>!**

30<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

**Dear Brother!**

Those of us who are serving the Lord here in Europe, are greatly burdened about Europe. We are not worried about the economies, or even the cultures – but about the 700 million souls that fill this continent that we all call home! And we are excited too! Excited about the potential of doubling the number of Gospel preaching churches throughout this very dark continent! We all know how Jesus said, “*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*” What we need is continual motivation and enablement to accomplish that command! This Church Planting Conference aims to meet that need!

Europe needs more Gospel preaching churches! If 10,000 Bible believing churches were started next year, and each were able to see 100 souls saved that year, that would represent less than .2% of the population of Europe (***that's not even 1/5<sup>th</sup> of 1 percent***)!!!!!! Europe is going to hell men, and we MUST decide to do whatever it takes to make a difference! And it all begins with our commitment to start more churches – places where the clear, simple Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully preached, week-in and week-out!

Our Church Planting Conference is my church's attempt to help start churches in Europe! Yes, the whole world is going to hell, but our burden is especially for European souls! And my church is determined to personally have a hand in helping start 20 new churches by the year 2020. Would you accept the same burden for your church?

## ***The European Church Planting Conference***

The European Church Planting Conference is a gathering of like-minded men and churches to stir us up for lost souls AND for planting new churches all over Europe! We will challenge our understanding of just how lost this continent is; We will allow ourselves to be rebuked and corrected for NOT having more of a burden for church planting; And we will rejoice to be exhorted to do “*so much the more as we see the day approaching*” (Hebrews 10:25)! Can we not do more?

This year we are holding our European Church Planting Conference in Arklow, Ireland, just an hour south of Dublin, at Pastor Oriel O’Gorman’s Church. It will be held on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 4pm. The meeting is free, and the schedule is as follows:

- We will have bagels, tea, coffee before 10am
- 3 messages will be preached and taught throughout the conference
- There will be an Open Forum Discussion towards the end
- We will hear Updates from around Ireland
- As well as Updates from around Europe (including via Skype)
- There will be a Luncheon at 1pm
- Missionary and pastor wives and ladies are encouraged to stay for first message, and then spend time fellowshiping together by going shopping, or have coffee together for the next 4 hours.

### ***We Want To Help Start Churches***

This conference is a great way to get together for fellowship and encouragement as preachers and Gospel ministers, but its main focus is the equipping of men and their ministries to START new churches all over Europe! Missionary families come to Europe, and leave far too quickly, and way too often. Maybe we all could work together to enable missionaries to STAY in Europe and succeed in Europe! We have dedicated ourselves to doing whatever it takes to encourage God’s men and their families to accomplish the burden of evangelizing Europe once again with the Gospel!

### ***We Want to Encourage and even Help Build-Up Existing Churches***

We want to encourage ministries, by encouraging churches IN EUROPE going to visit other churches, on Mission Trips, and help them with Bible Clubs, Soul-Winning, and just anything else that might be needed! We ALL could use some encouragement from one another!

### ***Who will be Here?***

Like-minded independent Baptist men and their wives and families who are burdened to start more Gospel preaching churches in Europe will be in Arklow this year. I know “I” and many of the men from my church will be there! Potentially there could be hundreds of men here... but the question is simply, WILL YOU BE THERE?

### ***Would You and Your Church Help Us?***

First of all, you can help us know of other missionaries and national Bible believing pastors in both your country that you are serving in, and surrounding you. If you have any lists of churches, and their addresses and phone numbers, please forward that information to us at [biblebc@gmail.com](mailto:biblebc@gmail.com) That will enable us to let them know of these church planting conferences.

Secondly, you can let us know if your contact information (*as shown to the right*) is correct. If it is, you don't need to do anything. If there is something that should be corrected, please take a moment and just email us at [biblebc@gmail.com](mailto:biblebc@gmail.com) to let us know.

Lastly, you can **help us help you** by answering the following questions via email (*just create an email message with your name, and church name and city and country, with the following question numbers, and answers*):

1. Are you interested in participating in what we are trying to do?
2. Will you be attending this year's conference in Arklow, Ireland? If you are, who and how many are planning to come with you?
3. Are you interested in getting updates about our Church Planting Conferences? And if so, by post or by email?
4. Do you have a Bible Institute at your church, or how do you train your men to do the work of the ministry?
5. How long have you and your family been in your country?
6. Do we have permission to publish information about church online on our website [www.biblebc.com](http://www.biblebc.com) under our Find a Local Church in Your Area section?
7. Would you be interested in hosting a European Church Planting conference sometime in the future? We want to go throughout Europe, encouraging Missionaries to do more!
8. Could we contact you via Skype? We will need your Skype name. Our Church Skype name here is **biblebc** My personal Skype name is **godsmen1612**

#### YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

**Name:**  
**Church:**  
**Mail Address:**  
  
**Church Address:**  
  
**Country:**  
**Phone1:**  
**Phone2:**  
**Phone3:**  
**Email:**  
**Website:**  
**Skype:**  
**Twitter:**

***"Preach the kingdom of God to other cities also."***

Luke 4:43

#### **Email Forum Available**

We have an email forum that you can sign-up to and participate in the ongoing discussions about European Church Planting. It is a great way to supply ministry ideas, and prayer requests! If you would like to join the forum, all you need to do is type the following into your internet browser: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/european-baptist-church-planting> and click the blue button that reads "Join Group to Post". After that, you will just need to email your message to: [european-baptist-church-planting@googlegroups.com](mailto:european-baptist-church-planting@googlegroups.com).

## How to Get to This Year's Conference

1. The conference is being held at the Arklow Baptist Church, in Arklow, Ireland, about an hour south of Dublin Airport.
2. Pastor Oriel O’Gorman’s mobile number is +353 87 413 9476
3. Fly into Dublin airport via Ryanair, or another airline as early on Saturday morning as possible (or maybe even Friday evening).
4. If you book to fly into Dublin Airport early enough, you may be able to catch a ride with some of the Irish missionaries that serve in the Dublin area. You just need to let us know when you are coming in so we can see if someone can pick you up at the airport and bring you down to Arklow and then back again to the airport.
5. You can rent a car and travel down the N11 highway along the eastern coastline of Ireland through Wicklow, and then on to Arklow.



### 6. Directions to the **Arklow Baptist Church**...

From Dublin: take the N11 south to the first Arklow turn off (north R772). Go over the bridge, and turn left on Main Street. At the end of the one-way, turn left onto Tinnahask St. Turn right onto Tinnahask Lower and you will see the church straight ahead.

From the South: Take the N11 north the the first Arklow turn off (south R772). You will go through three roundabouts on R772. At the third, take the second exit which veers to the right. Continue over the railway and take the second right on Rory O’Connor. Take a right, and then an immediate left onto Blackberry Glade. Follow Blackberry Glade around a few curves until you come directly to Arklow Baptist Church.



*“Let us go into the next towns.”*  
Mark 1:38

## **Final Word**

Have you ever noticed how many EUROPEAN cities and countries are listed in the Bible from Acts 16 on? Spain, Greece, Italy, Crete, Malita (Malta), as well as Macedonia, Philippi, Corinth, Rome, Thessolinica, Athens, Neapolis, Amphipolis, Apollonia, Appii Forum, Berea, and Achaia to name a few! Evidently, **Europe** has a special place in God's plan! Let's do what we can to reach more of Europe before it is eternally too late!

Please, may we hear back from you? You may not be able to come, but will you at least confirm that you received this packet of information, and answer our short questionnaire by email? It will help us immensely! Email us at [biblebc@gmail.com](mailto:biblebc@gmail.com).

Know that we will be praying for you, your ministry, and for Europe! Join with us in any way that you can! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Your Fellow-Servant,

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*“There stood a man of Macedonia,  
and prayed him, saying, Come over  
into Macedonia, and help us.”*

Acts 16:9

**ABOUT US.** Missionary Craig Ledbetter was born again in 1980, went to Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri for 4 years, and interned in the First Baptist Church of Caldwell, NJ for 6 ½ years before starting deputation and then coming to Ireland in 1994. He came specifically to start churches in Ireland. He started the Bible Baptist Church of Ballincollig, Cork, Ireland 18 years ago in Blarney, Ireland. He also started the Bible baptist Church of Mallow, Ireland, which is now known as the Mallow Baptist Church under missionary Bob Hutton. He has ordained an Irish man named Kevin O’Keeffe who has now gone out and started the Bible Baptist Church of Carrigaline, Ireland. Craig runs the Cork Bible Institute, and trains Irish Christians in Church Planting methods, and how to Teach and Preach the whole counsel of God. Craig Ledbetter is married for 27 years to Nita Ledbetter and has five children. Our churches are fundamental, independent, unashamedly Bible believing Baptist Churches that exist to win souls!

**WWW.BIBLEBC.COM CHURCH LOCATOR DATABASE.** Our church has a list of churches in Ireland for people to find a Bible believing Baptist Church in their local area. It is put online as a service to people who have found our website and want to find a church near them. If you wish to have your church added to the list, please let us know. Your church information will not be added without your permission, but it is heartily recommended that you do add it because thousands and thousands of new people every year find our church on the internet and then go looking through our listings to see if there is a church near them. Many people have ended up visiting the churches they have found in our website list. Please consider this a free service for you and your attempt to make contact with searching people on the internet. Take a look for yourself at [www.biblebc.com](http://www.biblebc.com) and click on the graphic that asks, “**Looking for a nearby Bible Believing Church?**”

