

DESERT CROSS COMMUNITY CHURCH



Guitar Ministry



Words from the authors...

This guitar class is a collaboration of materials from Steve and Debbie Cartwright's Bible Study/Guitar Outreach (VGO) and materials from members of Desert Cross Community Church (DCCC). The intended audience of this class is for those who have either little or no knowledge in playing the guitar. If you are an intermediate/advanced level guitarist you are still welcome to attend but you may find the materials as a refresher rather than new knowledge.

There are multiple purposes for providing this class the first of which is to share one of the talents that God has blessed us with – the ability to play the guitar. There are many ways to worship God and we believe that one of those ways of worship is through the use of our talents in a productive way for God's ministry. Our hope is that as your talent increases you will be led to share that talent either through Praise & Worship playing or by sharing your knowledge with your neighbor. We also hope you will find this course enjoyable, interesting, and applicable to life.

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Steve & Debbie:

We are not guitar experts by any means. Steve is a self-taught guitarist, but he is always working on becoming better. He wants to share with others all the things God is teaching him. Steve especially loves to use the guitar in worship, and wants other people to be able to do the same.

Debbie loves writing, especially writing Bible studies. She knows nothing at all about guitar. That's why this is a collaborative effort. Neither of us could do this by ourselves. But we think it's a wonderful thing to be part of a team, and greater still to be a part of the best working unit around: the Body of Christ.

We hope this Bible study/guitar outreach will be a blessing to you and draw you closer to Christ our Savior.

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Suggested course outline:

- Week 1 Chapter 1 “Know Your Guitar”
- Week 2 Chapter 2 “Scale / Keys”
- Week 3 Chapter 3 “Chords / Tablature”
- Week 4 Continue chapter 3 / practice
- Week 5 Chapter 4 “Strumming”
- Week 6 Continue chapter 4 / practice
- Week 7 Chapter 5 “Finger Picking”
- Week 8 Practice of Finger Picking
- Week 9 Practice of Learned Chords / Include Additional Training
- Week 10 Play Song / Additional Strumming
- Week 11 Learn New Chords

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Victory or Defeat?

Lots of noise, screaming, shouting, cheers and jeers. Excitement, enthusiasm—or sometimes anger and despair. These are some of the sounds, and some of the emotions, that you'll hear and see at most any sports event. You quickly come to realize that fans can get pretty fanatical!

That's because, in most sports events, simply getting a tied score is not satisfying. Most games can't even end with a tie. No, somebody has to be victorious. And on the flip side, someone has to suffer defeat. It's a part of competition.

Life is a little like a sporting event: there are certainly lots of sounds and emotions. Sometimes we can get fanatical about what we want, and we all want to win, (however winning in life may be defined to some people.) Many look at life just like a sporting event—somebody, preferably ME—has to win, and somebody—preferably YOU—has to lose. That's because there's only so much “stuff” to go around, only so much money, only so much happiness, at least in the eyes of the “competitive” ones. “If you get it, then I can't have it,” they think.

But in a big way, life is not like a sporting event. There doesn't have to be a loser! Somebody else getting victory doesn't mean you have to be defeated. It's just the opposite, in fact: Jesus getting the victory over death, hell, and the grave means that everybody can share in HIS victory! There is no need to live a sin-filled, defeated life on this earth, or end up in a sad and tortured existence in the next life. Victory is about the here-and-now, and also the hereafter. Let's find out in the next weeks how we can all be winners!

(1 John 5:4 NIV) for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.



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