

DCCC Guitar Class

Course Day and Time

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Course Objective

The objective of the DCCC Guitar Class is to share our talent of guitar playing to those who are interested in learning the guitar. God is generous in providing us with these talents and those of us who have assembled this class and materials feel that it is God's desire to share these talents with others through Praise and Worship or through the instruction and training of others.

Course Scope

The scope of this class is to be a basic instruction course and though many topics on music are covered it is not designed to be a complete source of instruction for musical theory. This desire of this course is to start the learner on the basics on how to play chords, strum, and keep a rhythm when playing songs. Anything beyond the scope of this class will be up to the individual learner to pursue.

Course Outline

- A. Knowing Your Guitar – A look at the make up of the guitar, how to care for it, and how to tune it.
- B. Scales / Keys – The basic and chromatic scales, octaves, keys, and how chords are made.
- C. Chords / Tablature – How chords are written out in music, voicing, basic strumming, and learning chords.
- D. Strumming – Strumming nomenclature, timing, song speed (timing), and strumming techniques.
- E. Finger Picking – Introduction, hand/finger designation, alternating root bass notes, and different picking patterns.
- F. Appendix A – A Bible study in the greatest gift ever given – God's gift of Salvation.
- G. Appendix B – Chord charts
- H. Appendix C – Song Sheets

Lesson Plan

Week 1 – Chapter 1 “Knowing Your Guitar” (No Bible study due to material length)

Week 2 – Chapter 2 “Scales / Keys”

Week 3 – Chapter 3 “Chords / Tablature”

Week 4 – Practice the learned chords (from ch3.) and transitioning from chord to chord.

Week 5 – BBQ and practice/play/fellowship etc.

Week 6 – Chapter 4 “Strumming”

Week 7 – Practice more in strumming and chords

Week 8 – More practice in strumming / chord changes

Week 9 – More practice in strumming / chord changes

Week 10 – BBQ and practice/play/fellowship (Jam Session?)

Week 12 – Finger Picking

Week 13 – Practice on Finger Picking / Strumming etc.

Week 14 – Where Do We Go From Here?

Course Rules or Guidelines

The following guidelines are designed to ensure an enjoyable environment and successful outcome in learning the guitar through this class:

1. **Prayer, Persevere, Praise.** This course will open and close with Prayer each time it meets and adjourns. It is expected that all participants Persevere in the process of learning the guitar. Instructors and students alike are expected to Praise God and each other when achievements are made in the learning process. God desires to participate in our lives and that can be accomplished through our petitions in Prayer, our Perseverance in learning, and through Praising Him for aiding us in our learning.
2. **Class Time.** This class will begin promptly on-time every meeting session. Those who are on-time should not be penalized by waiting for others to arrive after the official start time; and likewise it is not right to respect latecomers by waiting for them before beginning the class. The expected length of this class is to be 2 hours with 30min. for Bible Study and 1.5 hours for guitar instruction and practice.
3. **Course Length.** The length of this course is approximately 14 weeks in-length. Being a pilot course the length may exceed the 14 weeks depending upon the speed at which the students learn. This course will be locked and will not allow new students once the second week's class has begun. The course is expected to progress at the rate of the slowest learner (within some reason – instructors may have to work with those who are struggling in order to bring them up to speed with the remaining class).
4. **Food and Drink** will be restricted and not allowed near instruments at any time. This class will require individuals to provide their own personal instruments and respect for those instruments must be observed.
5. **Questions and Answers.** Periodic breaks in course instruction will be provided by the instructors to allow for questions and answers. Please hold questions until these periods to allow for continuity in block(s) of instructions.
6. **Tuning and Playing.** Please refrain from picking, strumming, or tuning the guitar during the Bible study or guitar instructional period. Time will be provided for practice after the instructional period.
7. **Fellowshipping and Fun.** This course is designed to be informative along with the opportunity in fellowshipping as well as fun. Every 4th or 5th week the course will take a break and have a BBQ (Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, etc.) to allow for everyone to share and show off their guitar skills if desired (provided the Food and Drink rule is observed).