



GROVES
MINISTRIES

• BEGINNER •

September 28 - November 30

GUITAR CLASS

Do you want to learn the guitar? WE CAN HELP!

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Groves Guitar Class with Groves Ministry

Groves Ministry offers FREE guitar lessons for **both Teens (Age 11 or older) AND adults.**

- **Up to “5” students can join this class. (First come, first served!)**

Groves Guitar Class is a guitar instruction resource made for teaching guitar and growing a community of guitarists in the church and the community.

- **WHEN:** Every Tuesday (4:00 pm) from September 28 ~ November 30

****** The schedule is subject to change.***

- **WHERE:** Willow Grove United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
(1845 Parvil Mill Rd, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318)

Each student will realize that they can become a better musician.

This course will provide students with an instant access to making music on the guitar.

***Groves Ministries accept donation.*

Beginners Class Description

At the end of the class for Beginner you will:

- Have the coordination, muscle memory, and the hand strength to play common and advanced chords, strumming patterns, and songs.
- Be able to create your own chords.
- Understand a foundation of music and guitar on which to build.
- And More!!

***Who can join the BEGINNER Guitar Class?

- For those who have passion to learn how to play guitar

Teaching Method

Each lesson lasts about 30 minutes. We start the class with opening prayer.

- Opening Prayer – Review – Theory – Chords
 - Rhythm Practice – Chord Drills – Closing Prayer

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Groves Ministry offers guitar class curriculum as below:

- Week #01 (Sep 28) - Introduction

- Week #02 (Oct 5) - Reading Music (Tablet note) + A Few Tips on Practicing

- Week #03 (Oct 12) - Notes on the 1st & 2nd Strings

- Week #04 (Oct 19) - Notes on the 3rd & 4th Strings

- Week #05 (Oct 26) - Notes on the 5th & 6th Strings

- Week #06 (Nov 2) - Basic Open Chords

- Week #07 (Nov 9) - Minor Seventh & Suspended Chords

- Week #08 (Nov 16) - Barre Chords on the 6th String

- Week #09 (Nov 23) - Barre Chords on the 5th String

- Week #10 (Nov 30) - Arpeggios

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What to Bring

- Guitar
- Pick (Please bring at least 2 picks just in case)
- Capo (Optional)
- Metronome (If you don't have this, you can download metronome apps)

Eleven Essential Points to Remember:

#1. Patience _ Learning an instrument requires patience. Many of the techniques take time to master. Even fingering chords can be quite challenging. This is normal so do not get discouraged. It takes time to get your fingers, tendons, and muscles used to bending in the ways necessary to play guitar. Take your time, be patient and it will come.

#2. Attitude _ A positive attitude goes a long way. You can do this, so try and stay positive and remember that your guitar playing is an evolution.

#3. Proper technique _ Utilizing the proper techniques and learning the proper fundamentals is essential for beginner guitar. Any bad habits that you start off with will be very hard to untangle later as well as they will impede your progress down the road. So strive to follow the technique guidelines closely at first and then later down the road you can develop them into your own personal style – first learn the rules, then go ahead and break them.

#4. Fingernail length _ Keep the fingernails on your fret hand short. If your nails are too long they will interfere with the fretting of notes on the fingerboard. If you press straight down with one finger on a solid surface, like a tabletop, and you feel the nail hitting the table before your fingertip, your nails are too long and will need to be cut.

#5. Cleanliness _ Wash and thoroughly dry your hands before picking up the guitar. It will keep oily residues and dirt off the fingerboard and your hands will be clean and not slide around on the neck. Wipe the neck down with a soft cloth after playing as this keeps the neck clean and prolongs string life.

#6. On Discomfort _ Fingertip soreness and wrist discomfort is normal for the beginning guitarist. As you play more your fingertip calluses will build up stronger and the discomfort will get less and less. But if you feel major pain in the wrist or arm - STOP. Big pain is your bodies' way of telling you something may be wrong. Give it a little rest and go back to it later and check to ensure you are utilizing the proper techniques.

#7. Slow down _ Playing slow and in time is ALWAYS better than playing fast and sloppy. Always master a concept at slow speeds before trying to play it faster. Speed comes with time.

#8. Notes on the neck _ Not at first but eventually you want to try to memorize the notes on the neck and the notes that make up a given chord or a scale. You just don't want to solely rely on just fingerings or shapes. It will make you a better guitarist in the long run and you will be able to speak "the language" of music when conversing with other musicians, writing songs, playing with your friends, or in a band situation.

#9. Develop your ear _ I say these words often, I feel developing your ear is one of the most important things you can do as a guitarist or musician.

#10. Music theory _ A little theory is a good thing. Not in the beginning but eventually putting time into learning some music theory has great value. It will move your playing forward faster and allow you to communicate the language of music to other musicians.

#11. Fun _ Give yourself plenty of "fun time" on the guitar doing what you love to do best – learn a song, write a new tune, do fun stuff. Don't spend all your time just studying and working new concepts. HAVE FUN AND STAY POSITIVE – practice does not have to be drudgery!