



• INTERMEDIATE •

March 24 - May 26

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 ~) 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 Mar 24 ~ May 26

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

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

Each student will realize that they can be a good guitar player. This course will provide students with an instant access to making music on the guitar.

***Groves Ministries accept donation.*

Intermediate Class Description

At the end of the class for Intermediate you will:

- Have the coordination, muscle memory, and the hand strength to play common and advanced chords, strumming patterns, and songs.
- And More!!

***Eligibility

- For those who **already took/completed beginner's class**
- Or for those who already learned beginner's class curriculum or can play basic chords and strum patterns in beginner's curriculum (See attachment #1 (Page 4))

What to Bring

- Guitar
- Pick (Please bring at least 2 picks just in case)
- Capo (Optional)
- Metronome (If you don't have it, you can download metronome apps)
- Binder (For students who already took the class for beginner)

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Groves Ministry offers guitar class curriculum as below:

Week #01 (Sep 28)	_	Introduction + Scale (C Scale + Octave + G Scale + F Scale)
Week #02 (Oct 5)	_	Key Signatures + Scale (D Major Scale, Pentatonic Scale, E Major Pentatonic Scale, A Minor Pentatonic Scale)
Week #03 (Apr 7)	_	Scale (E Blues Scale + A Blues Scale) + Examples of Scales in Songs
Week #04 (Apr 14)	_	Open String Chords + Strumming Patterns + Examples of Strumming Patterns
Week #05 (Apr 21)	_	Power Chords
Week #06 (Apr 28)	_	Palm Muting
Week #07 (May 5)	_	Bar Chords (Advanced)
Week #08 (May 12)	_	Caged Chords System
Week #09 (May 19)	_	Fingerpicking
Week #10 (May 26)	_	Theory & Harmony + Major & Minor Chords Variation

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Opportunity to Connect

- Students who complete INTERMEDIATE class are invited to play songs on special worship services at Groves Ministries.
- Students who complete this class for INTERMEDIATE are invited to teach beginner's class up to two times.

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!

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Groves Ministry offers guitar lesson with the curriculum as below:

- Week #01 _ Introduction + Reading Music (Tablet note)

- Week #02 _ A few tips on practicing + Notes on the 1st & 3rd Strings

- Week #03 _ Notes on the 4th to 6th Strings + Strumming Practice + Chords

- Week #04 _ Strum pattern + Chords

- Week #05 _ Strum pattern + Chords

- Week #06 _ Strum pattern + Chords

- Week #07 _ Arpeggios

- Week #08 _ Arpeggios

- Week #09 _ Scales

- Week #10 _ Scales