

Beginner Guitar Class Home School, Fall 2012

- Week One: Introduction to the guitar
Tuning and Care of the guitar
Learning the parts of the guitar
Strumming pattern #1
G Chord
Learn the notes of the six open guitar strings
- Week Two: Review and practice strumming pattern #1
Review G Chord
Learn C, and D chords
Strumming Pattern #2
- Week Three: Review learned chords and strumming patterns
Learn Am, Em, and A Chords
First Songs: Lord Prepare Me, Lord You Are More Precious Than Silver
- Week Four: Review both strumming patterns and all chords
Review new songs from previous week
Learn E, A(2), B, and C#m
New Song: Famous One
- Week Five: Review both strumming patterns and all chords
Review all songs
Learn Strumming Pattern #3
New Song: How Can I Keep From Singing
- Week Six: Review all songs and strumming patterns
New Song: Forever
- Week Seven: Review all songs and strumming patterns
New Songs: Better is One Day and Filled with Your Glory
- Week Eight: Review all songs and strumming patterns
New Chord: F#m
New Songs: Our Great God
- Week Nine: Review all songs and strumming patterns
New Song: How Great is Our God
- Week Ten: Review all songs and strumming patterns

Week Eleven: Review all songs and strumming patterns
Practice songs for Spring Program

Week Twelve: Review all songs and strumming patterns
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Additional Notes:

I have made videos of me playing each of the songs. I am currently working on a way to post these videos online for viewing.

Depending on how fast the class moves, I may add or change some of the songs we learn during the semester.

Each student will keep a notebook with all the music I give to them. They need to remember to bring this each week to class. Also in the notebook will be a practice log. Parents will need to sign off practice times, which I will check each week. Students will need to invest practicing 20 minutes a day for six days a week.

Playing the guitar will be different for each student. Some students will pick this up quickly, while others will struggle to grasp the concepts. Therefore, I am not issuing grades for this class. But as a motivation to continue practicing, I will be giving students with perfect practice records a chance at a drawing for a great prize at the end of the semester.

Finally, guitars should never be left in the car for any length of time. Leaving a guitar in your car can damage the finish (especially cold weather), or even damage the neck, bridge, and saddle of the guitar in hotter weather. My advice would be to arrange a safe place inside the church for your guitar until class starts.

My email address is brummers@ccc.org for anyone having any questions.