

Guitar II – Bio and Class Summary



BIO

Hello! My name is Pastor David Ortega. I have had the pleasure of serving at Vine for 3 years as a teacher and have enjoyed it immensely.

My family moved to Gilroy in 2016. My wife, Andrea, and I have three children, one in 8th grade, one in 10th, and one recent high school graduate. We have served on staff at The Foothills Church in Gilroy since arriving.

I have been a musician all my life. I grew up singing in school choirs, played alto saxophone for three years in band, and began playing guitar at age 15. I began playing piano/keyboard when I was 17 and drums since I was 21. I have led worship in several churches for about twenty-five years. I have also led worship at youth camps, played in bands for a few church conferences as well as in some local gigs both solo and with additional musicians.

SHORT CLASS SUMMARY

This is an intermediate guitar class.

Prerequisite knowledge and materials:

- An acoustic guitar with all six strings
- A guitar pick
- A guitar strap
- A **physical** guitar tuner, preferably a [snark](#)
 - *Note: The tuner needs to be physical because we all tune at the beginning of class and apps connected to a phone will not be able to pick up individual sounds if several students are tuning at once*
- A guitar [capo](#)
- Students must already know how to **tune** and be able to play at least a few **chords** on a guitar

Focus:

- We will learn **mainly** by going through specific songs together.
- We will learn and review:
 - Major/Minor chord fingering
 - Dominant 7 chords and Major 7 chords
 - Common chord progressions
 - Strum patterns within a particular time signature
- We will also look at **basic music theory** and **basic chord theory**
- We will focus on 4/4 and 6/8 time signatures
- We will discuss the **Nashville Numbering System**
- We will often reference short videos either in class or assigned to watch in *Google classroom*

Note:

- Class communication to students will be conducted through *Google classroom*
- Class communication with parents will be done via email
- This is mainly an *acoustic guitar* class. Some students prefer to talk about electric guitar. I have an electric, and might bring it in to demonstrate, but electric guitar requires a different technique. A lot of what we learn in this class will apply, but not always directly.

GRADING

This is a pass/fail class, so students will be graded on their engagement and participation. Please:

- Attend class
- Be on time
- Play diligently in class
- Practice diligently at home

I recommend **20 minutes** of practice a day

Thank you!

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