

# Hope Guitar Class

This is a group guitar class in which students will learn to play guitar individually and as members of an ensemble. Students will practice fundamentals of classical guitar technique, pick-style guitar and chord strumming, as well as reading music in standard notation, chord symbols, guitar chord grids and tablature.



**First Semester** will focus primarily on fundamental techniques and learning to read notation on guitar.

**Second Semester** will consist of more involved ensemble music projects and further development of chord vocabulary.

**Fall, Christmas, and Spring Concerts** will demonstrate the student's work and teach them the basics of concert etiquette for performers and audience members.

**Instruments** – The Student must provide his/her own acoustic guitar (preferably nylon-string classical), properly suited to the student's height/size. Please contact Matt regarding considerations for purchasing an instrument or for determining whether an instrument you own is suitable for class use. **If you will be purchasing an instrument for the class, please contact Matt *before* purchasing an instrument.**



Students also need a music stand, guitar footstool (for home and class) and a black, 3-ring binder. A folding-type music stand may be purchased [online](#) or at local music stores for around \$16. You can make your own guitar footstool ([like this](#)), or you can purchase one [online](#) or locally for around \$10. A clip-on [guitar tuner](#) (around \$10) is also highly recommended.

The class is open to students in grades 6 - 12. The class will be taught on Mondays from 11:30-12:30 pm, beginning August 24<sup>th</sup>, at Hope, and will be supplemented with video and written materials through a CourseSites.com page for the class.

**Payment:** The cost for the class is \$60 per month regardless of the number of instructional days in the month. This payment is an averaged amount based on the entire year; no more for 5-week months, nor less for holiday months. The cost for an additional sibling is \$30/month, with a family max of \$100/mo.

**Matt Jones** is the instructor for this course. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Mississippi and has 10 years experience teaching general music, choral music and guitar as a classroom teacher. Over the course of 4 years at Lafayette Middle School in Oxford, MS, Matt daily taught 3 sections of guitar in a program made up of more than 60 students. Matt has also taught hundreds of private guitar students in his home, at music stores, and in churches for the last 15 years. Matt is currently serving as Minister of Music at Wilsonville Baptist Church in Wilsonville, AL and is entering his second year teaching guitar class at Hope Christian School in Pelham.

For further information about this class please email Matt at [matt.guitarteacher@gmail.com](mailto:matt.guitarteacher@gmail.com) or call 205-422-3591. If you're looking at a paper version of this flyer, please note that the digital version contains web links for accessories and instructions etc. Please email me for a copy!

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