



Strings of Praise

Student & Parent Welcome Packet

Welcome

Welcome to **Strings of Praise!** I'm excited to work with each student and help them grow both musically and personally through guitar instruction. My goal is to help students develop strong musical skills, confidence in their playing, creativity, and a heart for worship through music. Lessons are designed not only to teach guitar technique but also to help students develop discipline, consistency, and a deeper appreciation for music. Thank you for choosing Strings of Praise.

Our Mission

Strings of Praise is a Christ-centered music ministry dedicated to helping students grow in musical skill while encouraging worship, creativity, and character. Lessons are structured to help students play skillfully, develop musical understanding, build confidence in performance, and use their musical gifts to glorify God and serve others.

Lesson Structure

Each lesson is designed to encourage consistent progress. Typical lessons include review of weekly practice, technique development, chords, rhythm, and lead guitar work, song learning, musical concepts, and assignment of weekly practice goals. Lessons are personalized for each student's skill level, musical interests, learning pace, and goals.

What Students Should Bring

- Guitar
- Guitar picks
- Tuner (clip-on or app)
- Notebook or music binder
- Lesson materials

Optional (but highly recommended): capo, strap, and a small practice amp

Practice Expectations

Consistent practice is the most important factor in musical progress.

My recommended daily practice time:

Beginners: At least 15–30 minutes per day

Intermediate: At least 30–60 minutes per day

Advanced: 60+ minutes per day

Short daily practice sessions are far more effective than occasional long practice sessions.

Monthly Tuition

Lesson Type	Monthly Tuition
Private 30-minute lessons	\$120 per month (\$30 / lesson)
Private 60-minute lessons	\$200 per month (\$50 / lesson)
Group 60-minute lessons	\$100 per month per student (\$25 / lesson per student)

Tuition is due monthly on the lesson anniversary date. For the first lesson, payment is due on the day of the lesson to begin the tuition cycle. Monthly tuition is non-refundable once paid.

5-Week Months

Some months will include five lessons (instead of the usual 4 per month) depending upon the layout of the given month. When this occurs, the 5th lesson is considered a bonus lesson and tuition remains the same.

Attendance & Make-Up Lessons

If a student needs to miss a lesson, please provide at least 24 hours notice when possible. Make-up lessons may be offered when scheduling allows, but availability cannot be guaranteed. Lessons missed without notice are not eligible to be made-up.

Late Arrival Policy

Lessons will still end at the originally scheduled time in order to respect the next student's lesson time.

Lesson Reservation

Your weekly lesson time is reserved exclusively for you each month. Because this time slot is reserved, missed lessons cannot be credited or transferred to another month.

Communication

For scheduling questions or quick communication, text message is the fastest way to reach me.

For longer communications, email works great.

Phone: 641-780-9695

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Final Encouragement

Learning an instrument is a journey that requires patience, dedication, and consistent effort. With regular lessons and consistent practice, students can make meaningful progress and discover the joy of making music.

I'm incredibly excited to help each student grow in their musical journey!

Blaise Winegardner

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