

Learn to Play 555 Club "Live" Classes & Videos 2020-2021

Class Descriptions

The following is a brief description of each live class/video series that is currently available to all *Learn to Play* 555 Club member families. In addition to the "live" online classes, there are now over 1,600 step-by-step instructional videos for your unlimited use; new ones are added every week. As new classes and instruments are added, those will all be immediately available to you as well.

Important: To keep track of each student's progress, there is a "555 Club Attendance/Completion Sheet" online. There is also a Class "Log" (Lesson Plan) available for each instrument, on which is listed every week's class with the page numbers that we played, which notes we are working on, which books we complete, and other information. This Log is a "must have" for every single student, so that they will always know which pages they need to practice during the week in order to be ready for the next week's class. The Log is posted online in the same general area as all your videos. You can print a copy of the log for whichever instrument(s) you need, at no charge. Some of the logs are also available in book form for purchase; call or email us for current availability.

Classes for All Students, All Parents, All Instruments:

Orientation — For all families who want to learn to play music, especially those who are thinking about joining a "live" class, but also for those already doing the live classes!

Day/time: Monday, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time Zone); September 14, 21, & 28; thereafter, this will be the time slot for "Live With Faith Barr" every week.

Sept. 14: "Is Online Learning For You?" —Everything you need to know about learning online, including pros and cons. We also introduce all the new exciting features being added this year + Q & A

Sept. 21: "How to be Successful at Music — and Everything Else!" —There are just 3 easy steps to success and you can do it! Q & A follows the presentation

Sept 28: "How to Practice" —Learn how to get the most benefit from the least amount of practice, followed by Q & A

Meeting Description: Orientation: All families, especially those who are thinking about joining a "live" class for the first time, should definitely attend the "Orientation" classes. Mrs. Barr will speak briefly on an important topic. Following her speech, there will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. If you have not used *Go to Meeting* before, this will give you a chance to set up your connection and learn how to use the special features which we regularly use during "live" classes. Attending this Orientation class really helps everybody to feel comfortable when it is time for your first actual "live" class. This year, we are having a series of three Orientation classes, featuring different subjects. We will also be introducing several new benefits that are being added this year, so current students will want to attend, too. You should plan to attend all three, if possible. For more information about the live classes, please see the "Live Class Info" under "For Members Only" at www.learntoplay.biz

Materials you will need: None. However, if you have a question relating to a specific class, you may want to have a copy of this Class Description document handy for reference. You can print one.

To Attend: Just click on the link for the "Orientation" class; If you are already a 555 Club Member family, you will find all the "live" class links in the "Live Class Info" under "For Members Only". If you are not yet a 555 Club Member family, go online to GoToMeeting.com and type in the meeting code: 655-425-621 (Note: this meeting code will only work for the special Orientation Class.) The link or code takes you right to the class; there is no password needed.

To sign up: Normally, you don't have to sign up. Just show up. However, there is a limit to the number of seats available, so to be sure you have a seat for the special "Orientation" class, you may want to fill out the "Live Class Signup" form (or email us at customerservice@learntoplay.biz). You will also want to be sure to show up early. There is no cost to attend, of course.

New class: "Live With Faith Barr" — open to all students, all parents, all instruments

Day/time: Monday, at 11:00 a.m. EST (Eastern Time Zone); All students should attend this meeting every week, if possible.

Meeting Description: Mrs. Barr will be there in person to answer your questions and provide much-needed encouragement. By attending this meeting, you will also be able to certify your achievement and receive a transcript at the end of each level. You will have additional performance opportunities (You may even be able to perform at upcoming conventions!) and you will also receive prize credits for your attendance. This meeting will likely be of particular interest to students who are using the videos exclusively, rather than "live" classes and would like an opportunity to participate live with questions/comments, etc. You will also have the opportunity to meet other families who are learning to play and listen to their questions & comments, as well. 555 Club membership now includes homeschool families from every state in the country, including Alaska & Hawaii, also Canada and more than 30 other countries around the world. Many of these families are now able to join us online. We hope you will all join us for these encouraging and upbuilding sessions.

Materials you will need: You should have your regular lesson books handy, in case you have a question or would like to play.

To Attend: Just click on the link for the "Orientation" class; You will find all the "live" class links in the "Live Class Info" under "For Members Only".

To sign up: You don't have to. Just show up. There is no cost to attend, of course.

"Live" Online "Get Together" —For all students, all parents, all instruments, all levels!

Day/time: We schedule this special Get Togethers periodically throughout the year. We will announce each session ahead of time during all the "live" classes, including the new weekly "Live With Faith Barr" class.

"Get Together" Description: Everyone is welcome. You'll get to "meet & greet" other students from all over the country, and everybody will get the opportunity to play a song (or two), if they like. You are not required to play a song, but if you do, you will be very happy you did. It always makes us happy when we share, and sharing our music with others brings a special kind of happiness. It also gives you valuable performance experience. This is a very informal class. You don't need to dress up, you don't need to be an advanced student (If you're a beginner and you've only learned one song, play it!), and you don't need to play perfectly —nobody does! You can play any song you like, but be sure to pick an easy song, so you don't have to be nervous! In the upcoming year, you will have several opportunities to participate in this class; take advantage of ALL of them! If you have more than one family member learning to play, you can all play together or each play separately. You choose! To join our Get Together live, just go online and use the "Get Together" meeting code. There is no password for the meeting; you only need to use the meeting code in order to access the Get Together. If you haven't joined us live before, you'll find the link & other info at the website (See "Live Class Information Page" in the "For Member's Only" section). You can join the meeting online by computer, smart phone, tablet, etc., or you can call in from a landline. There are a limited number of seats available, so to make sure you have a spot, be sure to show up for the class early.

Important: this class is optional, however, we REALLY want you to attend every session, if possible. It gives you an opportunity to share your music with others, get some valuable experience performing, and it's also an excellent chance for your teacher to observe how much you've accomplished. We will not critique anybody during this class, but we may email you later with any important observations.

Materials you will need: Your "Learn to Play" music books —the same ones you use for your classes.

To sign up: You don't have to. But, keep in mind that there is a limit to the number of seats available, so please show up early!

Cost of the "Get Together" class: No cost, of course. It's free for all member families.

Level 1A (1st level) Classes ("Live" Classes & Videos):

"Regular" Beginner's Classes (Level 1A) for Guitar, Piano, Violin/Fiddle, Mandolin, Ukulele, Drums, Rhythm Instruments, Baritone Ukulele, Banjo, Recorder, Harmonica, Dulcimer, Cello, etc. (These classes appear in your video playlist as "Class 1", "Class 2", etc.) —Note: Because all "live" classes are also uploaded as videos, you can start anytime — you don't have to wait for the beginning of a school year or semester.

Class Description: Each of the "Beginner's" Classes (Level 1A) are designed for complete beginners. These classes are appropriate for all ages, from young children to adults. Just like private lessons, we work through the curriculum, page by page, discussing each new element of music theory as it's introduced, and playing all the songs together during class. Each week, we review the new songs from the previous week, then we play this week's new songs that the students will have practiced during the week (All these pages are listed in the "Log". See below). During the "live" classes, students actively participate, play along with the accompaniments played by the teacher, and can ask (and answer) questions. The original "live" classes are all uploaded as videos and available to all 555 Club member families, so students now have the wonderful advantage of being able to work through these classes at their own rate of speed. If you feel like this class moves along too slowly, you might consider trying the Accelerated Class. (See below)

Materials you need: *Learn to Play Series Level 1A* books for the instrument(s) you wish to learn (either the Complete Set Level 1A, or Starter Pak Level 1A #1); If you don't have the books yet, you can order them at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order. If you also need an affordable instrument or accessories (picks, strings, strap, tuner, etc.), we can help you with that, too. We try to make everything as easy and inexpensive as possible for you. We ship everywhere in the country, usually the same day we receive your order.

Important: you will also want a copy of the Log (Lesson Plans) for whichever instruments your family is learning to play. The logs list all the classes/videos available for each instrument and specifically which pages we play from each book during each class. You can use your Log to keep track of the classes/videos you have completed, and always know which pages you need to practice for your next class. The logs are posted at the website in the same area as your videos. There is a separate log for each instrument. You can print them out for free, if you like; some of them are also available for purchase in book form, if you prefer (i.e. Guitar, Violin, Piano, etc.). Call (502) 413-5443 for more information.

Important information, if you are using Starter Paks: Starter Pak #1 includes the following 3 books: "Lessons", "Technic", and "Theory Workbook", which we will use throughout the entire Level 1A. When your student has almost completed Starter Pak #1, Volume 2, you will want to order Starter Pak #2. You do not want to wait until your student finishes Starter Pak #1, Volume 1 before you order Starter Pak #2, otherwise your student will struggle and will not have the music they need in order to do the classes and videos. Even when we have progressed up to Starter Pak #3, 4, 5, 6, we will still be using Starter Pak #1, Volume 1. If you are using the Complete Set Level 1A (rather than Starter Paks), you can ignore everything in this paragraph, because your student already has all the curriculum he/she will need for 2+ years of classes or videos.

Cost of the "live" class/videos: No additional charge for all 555 Club Members; all live classes and videos are included in your (\$19.95 monthly) family membership.

To sign up for the "live" class: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone, & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend. For specific "live" class times, see the newest Class Schedule online.

Accelerated Classes, Level 1A for Guitar, Piano, Violin, Ukulele, etc. (all separate classes),

Class Description: This class is similar to the Beginner's Class, but it moves along at a much faster pace. We play many more songs per week, at a much faster tempo. We generally play all brand new songs each week, rather than including review songs as we do in the "Regular" classes. This is a perfect class for someone who has played before and (1) needs a quick review or (2) just plays chords or plays by ear and now wants to learn to read music, or (3) wants to improve sightreading and playing skills or (4) is currently in the "Regular" beginner's classes, plays everything pretty much perfectly and really wishes we would speed up, or (5) has plenty of time for extra practice, so is able to make faster progress, since the more time you can dedicate to practice, the faster your progress will be. Each accelerated class is equal to 4-5 of the regular beginner's classes; in 16 weeks, we will accomplish more than an entire year of regular classes; we will finish the entire level 1A, playing about 1,200 songs together in about 26 weeks, rather than 2 years (of regular classes). Caution: If you are in the "Regular" beginner's classes now (either live or on video) and you have any issues playing accurately or are not always able to easily keep up the pace, you should not switch to this "Accelerated" class because it will be significantly faster paced and much more challenging; you could, however, stay in the "Regular" beginner's Classes and also do the Accelerated Class videos as you're able to. You are not limited to choosing one class; you can do both, switching back and forth as you wish. That's the beauty of "Learn to Play" — There's no limit to what you can accomplish. It's all up to you! You can progress at YOUR rate of speed. Just be careful to take the time to do everything correctly. Build a strong comfort level with both your reading and playing. What you're doing right now is building your foundation for everything you will do in music for the rest of your life, so you want that foundation to be very, very strong.

Materials you need: *Learn to Play Series Level 1A books for the instrument you want to learn to play (either the Complete Set Level 1A, or at least Starter Paks #1 and #2 —because this class advances so quickly, it will only be a few weeks before you will be ready to start some of the books in Starter Pak #2 —See note regarding Starter Paks directly below this paragraph). If you are now already in the "Beginner's" classes, you may already have everything you need, since we use the same books for both the "Regular" and the "Accelerated" Level 1A classes. If you don't have the books yet, you can order them at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), or call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.*

Important information, if you are using Starter Paks: Starter Pak #1 includes "Lessons", "Technic", and "Theory Workbook", which we will use throughout the entire Level 1A. When you have almost completed Starter Pak #1, Volume 2, you will be ready to start Starter Pak #2. You should not wait until you finish Starter Pak #1, Volume 1 before you order Starter Pak #2, otherwise you will struggle and will not have the music you need in order to do the classes and videos. Even when we have progressed up to Starter Pak #3, 4, 5, 6, we will still be using Starter Pak #1, Volume 1. If you are using the Complete Set Level 1A (rather than Starter Paks), you can ignore everything in this paragraph, because you already have all the curriculum you need for all the classes & videos in Level 1A.

Cost of the accelerated class/videos: No additional charge for 555 Club Members; ALL live classes and videos are included in your family membership.

To sign up for the "live" class: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call us at (502) 413-5443 or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend.

Beginner's Classes for Drums & Percussion Instruments (Level 1A) (separate classes for Cajón, Snare, Drum Set, etc., but they are also interchangeable. This means you can join any "live" drum class, regardless of what kind of drums you have):

Class Description: These classes are appropriate for all ages, from young children to adults. Because all live classes are also uploaded as videos, you can start anytime — you don't have to wait for the beginning of a school year. Because of its versatility, the drum we start with is the Cajón (ka-hone') Box Drum (then we add Snare & Drum Set). The Cajón is often referred to as "A Drum Set in a Box".

All the basic drum rhythms can be learned on the Cajón. It's becoming very popular with professional bands; it often replaces an entire drum set during performances. With a bass pedal, it can also be used (hands free) by guitarists and other instrumentalists to add a drum beat to a solo act. The Cajón is very desirable for a home setting because its volume can be reduced easily, so as not to disturb the entire household while practicing and not drowning out other siblings when playing together as a family. It's inexpensive, portable, and doesn't take up much space. During the course of this class, we will introduce other percussion instruments as well. During the first 15 minutes of the "live" class, the new Level 1A "Introduction to Rhythm Instruments" class will be included, so that drum students can benefit from that class as well. (See that class description on the next page.)

Materials you will need: *Learn to Play Series Level 1A books for Drums. (Starter Pak #1);* If you don't have the books yet, you can order them at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order. You will also need a drum, either a Cajón, travel cajón, snare, or drum set, etc., it's also helpful to have other accessories such as drumsticks, brushes, a metronome, and especially a music stand, etc. To help you get started, we have designed a special "Package Deal" which includes everything you need to get started at a discounted price. You can have it within just a few days. Everything is available at the website (www.learntoplay.biz) or call us at (502) 413-5443.

Cost of the class/videos: No additional charge for all 555 Club Members; all live classes and videos are included in your family membership.

To sign up for the "live" class: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend.

"All in One" Classes (Level 1A) for Guitar, Recorder, Harmonica, Dulcimer, etc. (These classes appear in your video playlist as "Alln1 Class 1", "Alln1 Class 2", etc.) —Note: Because all "live" classes are also uploaded as videos, you can start the All in One classes anytime — you don't have to wait for the beginning of a school year or semester. Though, because the "All in One" is a new series, there are not as many videos available yet as there are for the regular curriculum classes.

Class Description: The new "All in One" curriculum was designed for students who prefer to work in one single book at a time. The difference: Using the regular curriculum, we work simultaneously in 6 or more books per week. This multi-book design works very well for most students, and results in a beautiful permanent library of the best-known & well-loved music from around the world. The regular curriculum also makes it easy for entire families to play together, because the songs are arranged by genre and have alphabetical song indexes. However, it can be a little complex for very young students, for example, to quickly find the songs they're working on. So, we designed the new "All in One" series as an alternative. It has all the same songs as the original curriculum, but the songs are organized differently. Instead of being organized in spiral-bound volumes by genre, e.g. folk songs, children's songs, fiddle tunes, etc. (in order of difficulty), the songs are all combined in a continuous series of single (saddle-stitched) books, organized in the exact order you should learn to play them (in order of difficulty). So, instead of playing songs from multiple books each week, students only play songs from one book at a time, and go through that book page by page, then advance to the next book, etc.

Materials you need: *Learn to Play Series "All in One", Level 1A.* You only need one book ("All in One" Book 1) and your Theory Workbook to get started, but you will save money if you order Pak #1 (6 bks) when you start. If you don't have books yet, you can order them at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), or you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Cost of the class/videos: No additional charge for all 555 Club Members; all live classes and videos are included in your family membership.

To sign up for the "live" class: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend.

Violin/Fiddle: "Tiny Tots Play a Lot" Video Series

Description: This series of 56 videos is designed primarily for children ages 3-7, but can be used by older students as well, if they need to start a little more slowly than our regular Violin Lessons, Level 1A. The videos are shorter (most are only 5-10 minutes) and less technical, to make it easy for our little fiddlers to learn to play. We will use the book "Tiny Tots Play a Lot", which contains extremely easy fun songs such as Yellow Duckie, Silly Monkey, The Mouse Ate the Cheese, Gorillas Love Bananas, etc., complete with lyrics and chord accompaniment symbols, utilizing open strings, and introducing easy note reading. There is a "Class Video" (the actual "lesson") and a "Practice Video" for each class; the Practice Videos include piano accompaniment (just like the lessons do) and can be utilized for regular daily practice sessions; they can be replayed if the student would like to practice longer. Students who complete this book (7-9 months avg.) are ready to go directly to "Violin Lessons", Level 1A (page 20) in Violin Starter Pak #1 (or Complete Set 1A) and start attending the regular Level 1A Classes/Videos.

"Live" Support Class: In addition to the 56 videos, at times we also offer a "live" support class. You can join this class at any time. We play songs together, you can ask questions and your teacher can observe your little fiddler and make recommendations.

Materials you will need: "Tiny Tots Play a Lot" for Violin/fiddle. (\$12.95) This is an individual book, not a Starter Pak. It's "preparatory" level (precursor to Level 1A). If you also need a violin, we carry good quality affordable instruments in all sizes and can help you choose the correct size for your child. Our most popular violin outfit is only \$199.95, including case, bow & rosin. You can either buy or rent (\$25 monthly). There is also a "Package Deal" available which includes all accessories. For more info, please visit our website (www.learntoplay.biz) or call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

To sign up for the "Live Class": Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number, & email address, and specify which "live" class you would like to attend. If you're just doing the videos (not the live class), you don't have to email us. The videos are readily available in the Violin Album with all the other violin classes.

Cost of the videos: No additional cost for 555 Club members for either live classes or videos.

Super Easy Piano (ages 4+)

Meeting Description: This new series is especially for smaller children. We use the same books as the other Level 1A classes, but the classes and videos are shorter. We play at a slower tempo and cover less material each week. By the time students have completed this short series of classes, they should be ready to go directly into the "Regular" beginner's classes.

Materials you need: *Learn to Play Series* Level 1A books for piano (either Starter Pak #1 for Piano, or the Complete Set Level 1A for Piano). If you don't have the books yet, you can order them at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Cost of the class/videos: No additional charge for all 555 Club Members; all live classes and videos are included in your family membership.

To sign up for the "live" class: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend.

Super Easy Guitar (ages 6+)

Meeting Description: This new series is especially for smaller children. We use the same books as the other "All in One" classes, but the classes and videos are shorter. We play at a slower tempo and cover less material each week. By the time students have completed this short series of classes, they should be ready to go directly into the "Regular" beginner's classes, using either the "All in One" series or the regular curriculum. For more information about the difference between the "All in One" and regular curriculum, please see the "All in One" class description (earlier in this document)

Materials you need: *Learn to Play* "All in One" series. You can start with just one book, if you like (Book 1) along with the "Theory Workbook", Level 1A, or you can save money by ordering the All in One Pak #1 (the first 6 books, including the "Theory Workbook"). If you don't have the books yet, you can order them at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order. If you also need an affordable smaller size instrument, we can help you with that, too; in order for very young children to be successful, they need to have a instrument that is small enough for them to handle, and is also easy to play, otherwise they can get discouraged very quickly. If you have questions about that, please call us at (502) 413-5443; we'll be happy to help.

Cost of the class/videos: No additional charge for all 555 Club Members; all live classes and videos are included in your family membership.

To sign up for the "live" class: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call us at (502) 413-5443 or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" class you would like to attend.

Introduction to Rhythm Instruments (Age 1+)

This class is for all ages, including pre-school. We will learn to play a variety of inexpensive rhythm instruments. The entire family, adults too, can join in on this class & everybody can play together! This class will happen during the first 15 minutes of the Drum class so that drum students can do it, too! You can also access the videos for this class anytime and play them as often as you wish.

Materials you will need: You will need the book "Fun with Rhythm Instruments" (\$12.95) and we highly recommend the new 9-Piece Set "Rhythm Package". It contains a nice basic variety of inexpensive rhythm instruments that the whole family can enjoy together. During the "live" classes and videos, these are the specific rhythm instruments we learn to play; we discuss each one of them and then we use them during the songs we play. It comes complete with its own clear-front carry case, to keep all the instruments together when they're not in use, or to carry with you on a camping trip, for example; rhythm instruments are so much fun to play, sitting around the campfire singing! To make it easy for you, we have put together a special "Package Deal" for the new rhythm instruments which includes everything you need, including your book. You can order it online (www.learntoplay.biz) or call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Note: It is not absolutely essential to have the exact variety of rhythm instruments that we will be learning to play during this class; while it's always an advantage to have the correct instruments, it's also possible to do the class, using any rhythm instruments you happen to have at home already. In fact, you can even do the class without any legitimate rhythm instruments at all. You can temporarily substitute any household items you can make noise with, i.e. metal spoons, wooden spoons, sticks, plastic toys, etc. (though it may be harder to find a substitute for the shakers!). So, you can start without official rhythm instruments, but you will definitely need the book in order to do either the "live" classes or the videos.

Price of the Class: No charge. It's included in your membership.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can either call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend.

"Play Along/Performance" Videos for All Instruments, All Levels (individual videos for each instrument)

Class Description: These videos are for all students' enjoyment and there are more than 300 of them to choose from so far. You can choose any group of notes or any one of your books and play the entire book, page by page, at a faster speed, with teacher accompaniment and, most of the time, a drum beat is added as well. For each individual book video, we play the entire book at a much faster tempo than we played during our classes. You will play the melody (notes) and the teacher will play the accompaniment (just like we do in our regular classes), except that we will not count aloud all the way through each song as we usually do in class; we'll start with a count off and in most cases, add a drum beat. This will give you a chance to hear what the songs REALLY sound like when played together, up to tempo or close to it. You can also use these videos to do an informal "performance" for your family and friends; just make sure you have practiced enough to keep up with the video before you do that! Note: the first few videos in this series will be a "Play Along" reviewing the first few notes for each instrument; for example, for guitar, we will play all the songs using notes EFG, for piano, it will be all the songs using notes CDE. Most students in the "Regular" beginner's Classes will be able to play along with the first video after about 3 months of lessons (or after completing Class 12). Students in the Accelerated Classes may be able to play it after only about 3 weeks of lessons (after Class 2 or 3). The majority of the "Play Along" videos will feature one book at a time; in order to enjoy playing along with these, you will need to have finished practicing whichever book you want to play and be able to play it quite well (up to tempo and without wrong notes). If you have difficulty keeping up with any of these videos, just practice the songs some more and then try again! You'll get it. There is a chart of all the "Play Along" videos included in the "Log" (Lesson Plan) for each instrument. If you don't have a copy of the "Log", you can find it at the website (near your class videos) and print it out for free, if you like. Also, some of the logs are available in book form for purchase at a minimal cost, if you prefer (Guitar, Violin, Piano, etc.). For more information, call (502) 413-5443.

Materials you will need: Just your regular *Learn to Play* music books, the same books you are using for all your classes & videos (For Level 1A: Complete Set Level 1A or at least Starter Pak #1 in order to get started; For Level 1B: Complete Level 1B; For Level 1C: Complete Level 1C). If you're already a 555 Club member in the live classes or using the videos, you already have everything you need to do the first few videos already.

To sign up: You don't have to. The videos become available to you as soon as each one is produced. They are all in the same area as the rest of your class videos; just look for "Play Along".

Cost of the class videos: FREE for all 555 Club members.

Level 1B (2nd level) Classes:

Piano Class, Level 1B (2nd level) — Accelerated or Regular

Class Description: We go systematically through the *Learn to Play Series*, 1B (2nd level) in much the same manner as we did in the 1A classes, playing all the songs together. Level 1B continues seamlessly from where Level 1A leaves off. After a brief review of Middle C Position, we move to several new positions, including C Position, Dm Position, and Em Position, building a strong comfort level with each new position. Along the way, we add dynamics, tempo, staccato, intervals, chords, arpeggios, sharps & flats, and some new time signatures; we experiment with melody and harmony, and start learning to improvise chord accompaniments. Towards the end of Level 1B, we add hands together, and touch on integrating intervals, chords, and arpeggios. Sounds complicated, but it's not — I promise!

Materials you will need: *Learn to Play Series* Level 1B Piano books — You can purchase the complete set of all 30 books (about 1,200 songs), spiral bound with plastic covers front and back, and organized into volumes (Piano Songs, Folk Songs, Children's Songs, Fiddlin' Around, etc.) complete with an alphabetical song index. If you prefer to put your books in sheet protectors in notebooks, we can ship them to you unbound. Just add a short note to your order form if you order from the website, or you can email us with any special preferences. Note: you can also request a different color binding for

your books. We normally use blue for piano, green for guitar, black for violin, red for mandolin, and burgundy for ukulele, etc., but you can request any of those colors. You can also request white or clear binding.

To order your books: You can order the Level 1B Piano books at the website, if you like (www.learntoplay.biz), or you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Price of the class: Zero \$ (You already knew that, didn't you! :) ALL 1B classes and videos are available at no extra charge for all 555 Club members.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend. The entire Level 1B Accelerated Piano Class and the "Regular" Piano Class 1B are both already available on video, so you can start anytime you wish. You don't have to wait for the next "live" class.

Guitar Class Level 1B (2nd level) –Regular & Accelerated

Class Description: We will go systematically through the *Learn to Play Series* for Guitar, Level 1B (2nd level) in much the same manner as we did the Level 1A classes, playing all the songs together. Level 1B continues seamlessly from where Level 1A leaves off. After a brief review of Strings D-G-B-E, we introduce the 5th string "A" with notes ABC, and then High A (on your "E" string), building a strong comfort level with each new note introduction. Along the way, we add dynamics, tempo, staccato, intervals, many more chords (including 5-string chords), arpeggios, sharps & flats, and some new time signatures; we experiment with melody and harmony, and start learning to improvise chord accompaniments with various rhythm patterns. You will also be adding a vast amount of new repertoire to your musical knowledge, including popular folk songs from America and around the world, children's songs, bluegrass and "fiddle" tunes for guitar, classical pieces, etc.

Materials you will need: Level 1B *Learn to Play Guitar* books — You can purchase the complete set of 30 books (about 1,200 songs), spiral-bound with plastic covers front and back, and organized into volumes by genre (Guitar Songs, Folk Songs, Children's Songs, Fiddlin' Around, etc.) complete with an alphabetical index. If you prefer to put your books in sheet protectors in notebooks (instead of having them spiral bound), we can ship them to you unbound. Just add a short note onto your order form if you order from the website, or you can email us any special preferences. *Note: you can also request a different color spiral binding. We normally use blue for piano, green for guitar, black for violin, red for mandolin, and burgundy for ukulele, etc., but you can request any of those colors; you can also request clear (see through) spiral binding or white.*

To order: You can order the Level 1B Complete Set on the website, or, you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll help you place your order.

Price of the class: FREE (You already knew that, didn't you! :) ALL Level 1B classes and videos are available at no extra charge to all 555 Club members.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call (502) 413-5443 or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend. The entire Level 1B Accelerated Guitar Class and the "Regular" Guitar Class 1B are both already available on video so you can start anytime you like. You don't have to wait for the next "live" class,

Violin Class Level 1B (second level) (Accelerated & Regular)

Class Description: We will go systematically through the *Learn to Play Series* for Violin, Level 1B (2nd level) in much the same manner as we did the 1A classes, playing all the songs together. Level 1B

continues seamlessly from where 1A leaves off. After a brief review of 1A, we introduce the rest of the notes in first position on the 4th string "G" (notes low GABC) & the 1st string "E" (notes EFG), building a strong comfort level with each new note introduction. Along the way, we add dynamics, tempo, staccato, intervals, arpeggios, sharps & flats, and some new time signatures. You will also be adding a vast amount of new repertoire to your musical knowledge, including popular folk songs from America and around the world, children's songs, bluegrass and "fiddle" tunes, classical pieces, etc.

Materials you will need: Level 1B books for Violin. You can purchase the complete set of 30 books, spiral-bound with plastic covers front and back, and organized into volumes (Violin Songs, Folk Songs, Children's Songs, Fiddlin' Around, etc.) complete with an alphabetical index. If you prefer to put your books in sheet protectors in notebooks (instead of having them spiral bound), we can ship them to you unbound. Just add a short note onto your order form if you order from the website, or you can email us any special preferences. *Note: you can also request a different color spiral binding. We normally use blue for piano, green for guitar, black for violin, red for mandolin, and burgundy for ukulele, etc., but you can request any of those colors; you can also request clear (see through) spiral binding or white.*

To order: You can order the Level 1B Complete Set for Violin at the website, or, you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Price of the class: FREE, of course. ALL Level 1B classes are available at no extra charge for all 555 Club members.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" class you would like to attend.

Mandolin Class Level 1B (second level)

Class Description: We will go systematically through the *Learn to Play Series* for Mandolin, Level 1B (2nd level) in much the same manner as we do the Level 1A classes, playing all the songs together. Level 1B continues seamlessly from where Level 1A leaves off. After a brief review of Level 1A, we introduce the rest of the notes in first position on the 4th string "G" (notes GABC) and 1st string "E" (High A), building a strong comfort level with each new note introduction. Along the way, we add dynamics, tempo, staccato, intervals, many more chords, arpeggios, sharps & flats, and some new time signatures; we experiment with melody and harmony, and start learning to improvise chord accompaniments with various rhythm patterns.

Materials you will need: Level 1B books for Mandolin — You can purchase the complete set of 30 books (about 1,200 songs), spiral-bound with plastic covers front and back, organized into volumes (Mandolin Songs, Folk Songs, Children's Songs, Fiddlin' Around, etc.) complete with alphabetical index. If you prefer to put your books in sheet protectors in notebooks (instead of having them spiral bound), we can ship them to you unbound. Just add a short note onto your order form if you order from the website, or you can email us any special preferences. *Note: you can also request a different color binding for your books. We normally use blue for piano, green for guitar, black for violin, red for mandolin, and burgundy for ukulele, etc., but you can request any of those colors; you can also request clear (see through) spiral binding or white.*

To order: You can order the Level 1B Complete Set at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), or call (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Price of the class: FREE (You already knew that, didn't you! :) ALL Level 1B classes and videos are available at no extra charge for all 555 Club members.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend.

Level 1C Classes:

Guitar Class Level 1C (3rd level) —Regular & Accelerated

Class Description: We will go systematically through the *Learn to Play Series* for Guitar, Level 1C (3rd level) in much the same manner as we did the Level 1A & 1B classes, playing all the songs together. Level 1C picks up from where Level 1B leaves off. We start with a brief review of Strings A-D-G-B-E and High A, but during that process, we add intervals with new note combinations using new finger positions, we start learning fingerpicking technique, first with thumb & 2 fingers, then with three. Then because Level 1C is all about learning to improvise, we start learning how to add slurs, intervals, chords, and arpeggios to simple songs in order to create beautiful guitar solos —on the spot. Then, we introduce the 6th string "E" with notes low EFG, building a strong comfort level with those new notes. Along the way, we add many new chords (including both 5 & 6-string chords), phrasing articulation, additional sharps & flats, and interval combinations; we hone our skills playing melody and harmony, hammer on and pull off, and start learning to improvise chord accompaniments with various rhythm patterns. You will also be adding a vast amount of new repertoire to your musical knowledge, including popular folk songs from America and around the world, children's songs, bluegrass and "fiddle" tunes for guitar, classical pieces, etc. By the time you complete this level, you will have played more than 4,000 songs!

Materials you will need: Level 1C *Learn to Play Guitar* books — You can purchase the complete set of 30 books (about 1,200 songs), spiral-bound with plastic covers front and back, and organized into volumes by genre (Guitar Songs, Folk Songs, Children's Songs, Fiddlin' Around, etc.) complete with an alphabetical index. If you prefer to put your books in sheet protectors in notebooks (instead of having them spiral bound), we can ship them to you unbound. Just add a short note onto your order form if you order from the website, or you can email us any special preferences. *Note: you can also request a different color spiral binding. We normally use blue for piano, green for guitar, black for violin, red for mandolin, and burgundy for ukulele, but you can request any of those colors; you can also request clear (see through) spiral binding or white.*

To order: You can order the Level 1C Complete Set at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), or you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Price of the class: FREE (You already knew that, didn't you! :) ALL Level 1C classes and videos are available at no extra charge to all 555 Club members.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call (502) 413-5443 or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend. The Level 1C guitar classes are not yet all available on video as the live class is still in progress. Each of the new "live" classes will be saved as a video, and then uploaded each week after class.

Violin Class Level 1C (3rd level) (Accelerated & Regular)

Class Description: We will go systematically through the *Learn to Play Series* for Violin, Level 1C (3rd level) in much the same manner as we did the Level 1A & 1B classes, playing all the songs together. Level 1C continues exactly from where Level 1B leaves off. After a brief review of Level 1B, we introduce High A on the 1st string "E" (notes EFGA), and build a strong comfort level with it. We also introduce phrasing, eighth notes, and double stops. Along the way, we add new theory elements and further refine our understanding and performance of dynamics, tempo, slurs, staccato, intervals, arpeggios, sharps & flats, and time signatures. You will also be adding a vast amount of new repertoire to your musical knowledge, including popular folk songs from America and around the world, children's songs, bluegrass and "fiddle" tunes, classical pieces, etc. By the time you finish this level, you will have played more than 4,000 songs!

Materials you will need: Level 1C books for Violin. You can purchase the complete set of 30 books, spiral-bound with plastic covers front and back, and organized into volumes by genre (Violin Songs,

Folk Songs, Children's Songs, Fiddlin' Around, etc.) complete with an alphabetical index. If you prefer to put your books in sheet protectors in notebooks (instead of having them spiral bound), we can ship them to you unbound. Just add a short note onto your order form if you order from the website, or you can email us any special preferences. *Note: you can also request a different color spiral binding. We normally use blue for piano, green for guitar, black for violin, red for mandolin, and burgundy for ukulele, etc., but you can request any of those colors; you can also request clear (see through) spiral binding or white.*

To order: You can order the Level 1C Complete Set for Violin at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), or you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Price of the class: FREE. ALL Level 1C classes are available at no extra charge for all members.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call (502) 413-5443 or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend.

Piano Class, Level 1C (3rd level) — Accelerated or Regular

Class Description: We go systematically through the *Learn to Play Series, Level 1C* (3rd level) in much the same manner as we did in the Level 1A & 1B classes, playing all the songs together. Level 1C picks up from where Level 1B leaves off. After a brief review of the new hand positions we learned in Level 1A & 1B (Middle C & C Position, Dm & Em Position), we advance to new hand positions, including the ability to move between different hand positions within the same song. We take the time to build a strong comfort level with each new position, as we have done in the earlier levels. In the process, we learn several new notes, expanding our playing range beyond both High C and Low C. We also focus extensively on playing hands together, not only by note, but we also learn to improvise chord accompaniments, both left hand (as harmony) and right hand (as pure chord accompaniment); this is a valuable skill that you can use to accompany your friends and family members, or to play as part of a praise team, for example. Also, during this level, we introduce phrasing, many new chords, and other elements of music theory. We continue to refine our ability to use dynamics, tempo, staccato, intervals, chords, arpeggios, sharps & flats, and various time signatures; we experiment further with combining melody and harmony, and introduce eighth notes. By the time you finish this level, you will have played more than 4,000 songs!

Materials you will need: *Learn to Play Series Level 1C Piano books* — You can purchase the complete set of all 30 books (about 1,200 songs), spiral bound with plastic covers front and back, and organized into volumes by genre (Piano Songs, Folk Songs, Children's Songs, Fiddlin' Around, etc.) complete with alphabetical indexing. If you prefer to put your books in sheet protectors in notebooks, we can ship them to you unbound. Just add a short note onto your order form if you order from the website, or you can email us with any special preferences. *Note: you can also request a different color binding for your books. We normally use blue for piano, green for guitar, black for violin, red for mandolin, and burgundy for ukulele, but you can request any of those colors. You can also request white or clear.*

To order books: You can order the Level 1C Piano books at the website (www.learntoplay.biz), or you can call us at (502) 413-5443 and we'll answer any questions and help you place your order.

Price of the class: Zero \$ (You already knew that, didn't you! :) ALL 1C classes & videos are available at no extra charge for all 555 Club members.

To sign up: Fill out the "Live Class Signup" form at the website. Or, you can call or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student's name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which "live" classes you would like to attend. The Level 1C Piano Classes are not yet available on video. Each of the new "live" classes will be saved as a video, so those videos will be uploaded each week after class.

Piano Chord Improvisation, Level 1C (3rd level)

This class teaches you how to improvise left & right hand chord accompaniments. We use the new book "Piano Chord Improvisation". The "live" class is still in progress.

Additional Instrument Classes/Videos (Coming soon)

Learn to Play Chords—Improvising Chord Accompaniments (all instruments, all levels —Coming soon, tentatively scheduled to start in January)

Class Description: Beginning with some very simple chords, we will learn to improvise chord accompaniments on a variety of different instruments, such as piano, guitar, mandolin, ukulele; we may also be able to include banjo, dulcimer, electric bass, cello, and bass ukulele, if there is sufficient interest. Perhaps your children (or friends or siblings) are learning to play an instrument & you would like to learn to “chord” along with them — here’s your chance! Or maybe you’re learning to play yourself and would also like to get started playing some chords —perfect time to start! You don’t need to have any previous musical experience to join this class — you just need to have an instrument to practice and your music book.

Materials you will need: *Learn to Play* series book: “A-Chordin’ To”, Level 1 — This is a brand new book; it’s not available yet, but if there is sufficient interest in this class, we will make sure it’s completed and ready in time to start our class. We anticipate this to be a good-size book, usable for all instruments (you shouldn’t need a separate book for each instrument), spiral-bound with plastic covers front and back, with a comprehensive index for quick reference.

To pre-order/sign up: Fill out the “Live Class Signup” form at the website. Or, you can call us at (502) 413-5443 or email us (customerservice@learntoplay.biz) with the student’s name, age, instrument, your phone number & email address, and specify which “live” class you would like to attend. We’ll notify you as soon as the book is ready. (You can’t actually pay for the book yet —not until it’s finished.)

Price of the class: You guessed it! FREE for all 555 Club member families.

VERY IMPORTANT: If this class interests you at all, please email us as soon as possible. We won’t start working on the book until we see there’s a strong interest in the class. We always try to focus first on whatever is the most important to you.

Other Classes Coming Soon: Over the past few years, we added several new instruments to the *Learn to Play* music program, including Percussion instruments such as Drums, Cajón, Snare, as well as many other rhythm instruments, also Recorder, Harmonica, & Dulcimer. We also added the new All in One series. It is also possible now to learn to play Baritone Ukulele, Banjo (all 4 of them), flute, cello, ocarina, tin whistle (Irish whistle, penny whistle), fife, and pan flute, using curriculum we already have. In the near future, we hope to add many more instruments to the 555 Club online classes including Electric Bass, Bass “Fiddle”, Bass Ukulele, Viola, Harp, as well as brass and woodwind instruments, etc. If you have a preference for which instruments are released first, please let us know by sending us an email at customerservice@learntoplay.biz; then we’ll email you when we have an expected date for completion.

OTHER SERVICES Also Available now:

“Live” Support (Available anytime)

Anytime you have a question or concern, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We generally answer emails the same day we receive them. We are a family concern and we all work together to make sure you get the help you need as soon as possible. Please call (502) 413-5443 or email: customerservice@learntoplay.biz anytime.

And, don’t forget about the “Orientation” & “Live With Faith Barr” classes on Mondays. We’ll be there to answer your questions. Just use the link to the “Orientation” Class.

Other Services Available Now (continued from previous page)

DVD Program (all instruments, all levels)

If you (or other families you know) have limited or no internet access (either temporarily or long-term), this program will help you to be able to take advantage of the 555 Club classes/videos.

How it works: We will send you a DVD every month with classes for whichever instrument(s) your family is learning to play. If you are on a yearly payment plan, you will receive 4-12 months of videos in each shipment (instead of 1 month at a time) for all the instruments you are learning.

Cost: an additional \$10 per month (to cover the cost of the DVDs, mailing supplies, packaging and postage);
Note: If you are on a yearly payment plan, you will save about \$70 per year for membership (save \$50) & DVDs (Save \$20).

To sign up: You can sign up for the DVD program online (just log in and upgrade your membership to the DVD program), or call (502) 413-5443 and we will make sure you get everything you need.

Note: If you have relatively good internet service, you don't need DVDs, since you can access all the "live" classes and videos online whenever you like..

Private Lessons Online: If you feel that someone (or everyone) in your family needs more individual attention, weekly (or monthly) private lessons are available on line. For more information, call (502) 413-5443 or email us at customerservice@learntoplay.biz

Instruments & Accessories: If you need an instrument, we are happy to help. We have a nice selection of good quality affordable instruments and accessories and we ship anywhere in the country. Most are available online at our website (www.learntoplay.biz). If you need help choosing the best instrument and/or size for you, or have any questions, you can call (502) 413-5443 or email jbarr@learntoplay.biz

Our Best Advice for Success in Music: Just do it!

1. Don't let a day go by without playing music — even if it's just 5 minutes!
2. Keep making progress — Do at least one class/video every week. Practice in between.
3. Don't hurry. Take the time to play each song accurately.
4. If you need help, ask. Don't wait!

Remember: The only way you'll fail at learning to play is if you don't do it!

For more helpful tips, see your "Theory Workbook", page 8.

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