

QDF Workshops by Joe Collins – June 2025

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Day	Session #	Description	Level
F	1	<u>Having Fun with Alternative Chords</u> You can produce some cool arrangements of your favorite songs by judiciously using alternative chords. In this workshop, we will explore principles for making those substitutions without destroying the melody in the process.	4
F	3	<u>Old Time Tunes – Volume 2</u> Master four old-time tunes that started out as fiddle tunes. They are fun and “bouncy” and often require a degree of intricate, economical picking on the dulcimer. We will work on that. Tunes include “Done Gone,” “Buckeye Jim,” and others.	5
F	5	<u>Hymns for Communion</u> . Looking for just the right hymn to play during the Lord’s Supper at your church? Explore some classics and a couple lesser-known hymns just right for the occasion.	3
S	2	<u>Upbeat Celtic Tunes, Volume 2</u> (Level 4) Play this collection of Celtic tunes and make people want to dance or, at least, get rowdy! Songs in this volume include “The Mermaid Song,” “Billy O’Shea,” “Drunken Sailor,” and “The Wild Rover.”	4
S	4	<u>Church-Worthy Ensembles, Volume 2</u> Discover a couple of arrangements for two or more dulcimers that will make a great addition to a church service. This repertoire workshop features two pieces: “Heavenly Sunlight” - a duet and “Hyferdol” (aka “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” or “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”) – 4 parts.	3
S	6	<u>Lullabies from Around the World – Volume 2</u> . Put a baby to sleep or just calm your own nerves with these easy-to-play tunes. There is a mixture of standard lullabies like “Sleep, Baby, Sleep” and some new ones like “Swamp Baby Lullaby.”	2