

# Michael & Nicole Gilchrist - March, 2024

Two thousand twenty-four has been here for just over two months and as I, Nicole, sat down to create this update I wasn't sure what exactly there was to share with all of you. I had the expectation that God was going to provide us with a home close to 316 Church by now. However, that is not God's plan as we continue to live in Manchester. God is helping us learn to be content and praise Him where we are as we invest in our neighbors. We have had several opportunities to talk about Christ with them while supplying them with Maple water from our trees and having a game night with them. As we reflect, God is faithful and has always had perfect timing. We don't understand how living here is helping to build relationships in Mont Vernon, we do trust God in it all and He will put us in Mont Vernon when He wants us there.

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**316**  
CHURCH

The website for the church is "live". We are excited for you to see it too.

Our friend put it together and we couldn't be more grateful for how it turned out.

[To the website](#)



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## The End of 2023

Mont Vernon has a sweet community tree lighting and toy drive that we were able to be a part of. Some people from 316 were able to go and connect with the community.



Christmas Wreath making with the women of 316. We are blessed to have a woman gifted in crafting who loves to share her skills with all. A ladies' connect is occurring monthly focusing on prayer & encouragement. We desire to be authentic prayerful women who support one another right where God has placed each of us.

## What 2024 has looked like



There is an indoor rock climbing gym close to our home. We have been able to take the children there to try their hand at climbing. They love it - maybe future climbers?

I, Nicole, started climbing with some other moms on Tuesday evenings almost a year ago. This journey of learning to climb has been a humbling one, to say the least. I have learned that small steps in consistency lead to significant changes.



New childcare location - Previously the childcare location was at the main entrance of the church (not ideal). At the beginning of the year, we were blessed to move to a school hallway. This space has worked out so wonderfully for all. Praise the Lord for servants in the body of 316 Church, adults & youth, to love, care, and invest in the lives of the children.



This is the new setup for the 316 Church service. The tables act as walls to help with the echo that comes with being in a multi-purpose room. We have also been blessed to have someone coming to 316 who has extra sound equipment to use on Sunday mornings, which has helped immensely. It is great to see how God has strategically brought people together with their unique giftings to make 316 Church thrive.

Michael, Isaiah, and another father-son duo participated in a National Toboggan Championship at the Camden Snow Bowl in Maine. It was a fun experience for all and the guys came in...not last. They look forward to returning next year to make it to the finals. It was fun to experience northeast winter culture with 20-degree weather, tents, smokers, grills, and fire rings all set up on the 9" thick ice to watch the race.



## Praises

- There is a website completed for **316 Church**. We are grateful for our friend putting it together.
- There has been consistent attendance at **316 Church**. We have also been encouraged that the people have been reading the Word, reflecting on the Word, and responding to the Word. It is such an encouragement to see life change in their lives!
- It has been a joy to see how the people coming to **316 Church** are using their giftings within the church. God has strategically brought together people to make **316 Church** possible.
- Isaiah and Claire have been able to learn snowboarding & skiing, compliments of the state of NH.
- We continue to have the opportunity to live on Elton Ave. which has been truly a gift of a first home here in NH.
- Thanks to Michael's parents, we were able to get away to attend a Biblical counseling seminar in Rhode Island.
- Michael has had the opportunity to make good connections with pastors around southern NH.
- Our family was able to get away for a long weekend to reconnect with some friends in Maine. **316 Church** was able to still meet without us there. We praise the Lord that we have gifted people to expand God's kingdom with.

## Prayer Requests

- Favor to connect into the Mont Vernon community with events and even to have **316 Church** posted on the town website. To get onto the website we will need to go to a town meeting to request permission.
- The people of **316 Church** would embody the vision of **316**: loving God and loving others.
- We would be able to disciple people at **316 Church** well to become mature followers of Christ.
- That God would provide faithful monthly supporters.
- A house for our family to purchase in the town that the Lord wants. May we trust His timing as we specifically look and pray for a house in Mont Vernon.
- God would provide open doors to declare the Gospel to those who don't know Him.
- Michael & Nicole to use their time well serving and investing in the areas that God has for each of them.
- Unique ways to connect with the Mont Vernon community since we aren't living there yet.
- We are sending a letter out to the Mont Vernon community to introduce ourselves, **316 Church**, and invite the community to an Easter service. May the letter be well received.

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