

First United Methodist Church Goliad, Texas

June 2021

Meet Pastor Gil Paredez



My name is **Gilbert C. Paredez**, and I prefer to be called **Gil**. My wife, **Diana**, and I will be married 33 years this July 8. We have two boys, **Rolando**, 42, and **Gilbert II**, 32. We have two grand kids through Rolando and our daughter-in-law, **Mayra**; grandkids are **D'Angelo**, 19, and **Angeliah**, 17. We also have two pets: **Roxie**, our dog (house-broken), and **Misty**, our cat.

I have been in ministry for 8 years as a pastor. My faith journey began in September of 2006 when Christ found me. My wife and I began attending church three weeks later at Valley Praise Harlingen which at that time was a satellite church on the west side of town in a Middle School cafeteria (church in a box, if you will). I was elected Lay Leader 7-8 months later. Several years later, I became District Lay Leader Coordinator. Finally in 2012, I began my process for Local Licensed Pastor. In 2013, I received my first appointment in San Antonio; my second appointment was also in San Antonio; and my current appointment in Floresville in December of 2015.

The ministry I envision is a ministry for the people of the community of which I reside. I have a passion of reaching out to those in need, to those who hurt, and that ministry can be as simple as a "Good Morning, God Bless You," or asking "How may I pray for you?" I also enjoy BBQ; I have done several 1st Responder BBQ's with help from the congregation and folks from the community. We have served food to a Bereavement Center for children and their families. I am currently the local food pantry's board president and enjoy giving a devotional just before food is distributed. My hope and prayer is that "WE" (First UMC Goliad and I, along with my wife, Diana, can make memorable memories in serving this community as well as growing each other in our own faith journey through discipleship and Bible studies. If God is for us, who can stand against us? Amen!

Thank you, **Pastor Gil Paredez**

Join us Online

We continue to offer our worship service online during this season of COVID.

Find our services on our:

Facebook page
YouTube Channel
Website

May Attendance

| | Sunday School | Worship |
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| 05/02 | 19 | 49 |
| 05/09 | 13 | 50 |
| 05/16 | 19 | 78 |
| 05/23 | 20 | 43 |

**Worship numbers reflect the total attendance of in-person participants, Zoom participants, and YouTube views.*

Ways to Give to First UMC Goliad



Mail: POB 1223, Goliad, TX 77963

Paypal: www.fumcgoliad.org

June Rail Offering

Kairos Outside

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Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside offers a comfortable, non-judging retreat for women to support each other as they journey through the incarceration of a friend or relative.

The Kairos Outside Weekend is a 2 ½ day program based on a series of talks by volunteers designed to address the pain of enduring separation from the one inside and the judgment of others from their community. Guests hear the talks in small family groups. The program is interspersed with music, prayer, and fun activities.

The International Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian program, although no religious affiliation is necessary to be a guest. Any 20-year-old or older female family member whose life has been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one, or a woman who was unable to attend Kairos Inside while in prison, is eligible to attend Kairos Outside.

Statement of Faith: The people of Kairos are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Kairos encourages believers from a variety of Christian traditions to be volunteers in this Christ-filled ministry.

Andrea Gibbud has been involved in KAIROS Outside for 8 or more years and has served on several teams as well as serving on the Corpus Christi KAIROS Outside Council for 6 years. Her husband had served on KAIROS teams at McConnell Prison in Beeville for a number of years before his death and Andrea served on the support team for several years after his death. She became aware of KAIROS Outside ministry when she was invited by a friend to serve on a weekend team. Andrea says the women with whom she shares this ministry have become a community of love and support for her, sharing a common goal to serve in mission with women who believe they are alone, who often struggle financially and feel isolated as a result of poor choices made by people whom they love or by themselves. The ministry was suspended in April of 2020, just weeks before a planned event and has been unable to meet, hold in-person events, or fund raise due to the COVID pandemic. The team has now reorganized and has a weekend scheduled for September 2021.

The guests attend without cost to themselves. The team and council are charged with raising the funds for the weekend which is currently being held at Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat Center.

I invite you to share in this ministry by helping to support this ministry through your prayers and gifts.

Learn more @ kairosprisonministry.org

Thank you, **Andrea**

Berclair Community Outreach



As we head into the summer months and school is out, we will be collecting kid-friendly items for our neighbors in Berclair! Bring non-perishable snack items (crackers, peanut butter, cereal, pudding/jello, shelf-stable milk, juice boxes, etc.). We'll also take any *new* activity items (games, coloring books, bubbles, etc.). (With covid precautions, we cannot take any used items at this time.)



Farewell from Pastor Missy

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I prepare to leave my role as pastor of this congregation, I am full of gratitude for the four years of ministry we have shared together. Thank you for inviting me into the sacred spaces of your lives and allowing me to share in your greatest joys, deepest sorrows, and everything in-between. It has been a privilege to be your pastor and to be a member of the outstanding Goliad community. Thank you for loving me and my family so well. My last Sunday with you is June 13.

I am so excited for what God has in store for your future as Pastor Gil and his wife, Diana, come to serve alongside you. His first Sunday with you will be June 27!

Remember that Pastor Gil doesn't come to fill my shoes. He's got his own pair and doesn't need to fit into mine! *Thank you, Lord!* He is differently gifted and will build up this Body of Christ in unique ways that will bring glory to God's name. I pray you will open your hearts to receive him, his family, and the vision God places upon your collective hearts as you continue to be a faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Goliad County!

May God's peace be with you!

Pastor Missy



VBS: June 14-18, 2021

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

- ◆ **Kids: Go ahead and get registered! Do this online at fumcgoliad.org or paper forms are available, as well.**
- ◆ **Items Needed: Vintage luggage; Large cardboard boxes or sheets of cardboard; Empty, clean food cans (size 26-29 oz.); Small, artificial trees (4-6 feet tall) for a mountain scene (Pine, Cedar, Aspen). All items will be returned to you after VBS.**



"Serving Humanity to Honor God"

From Our Wesley Nurse

Upcoming Events:

- June 8 at 8:00 am - FUMC Victoria Free Clinic
Contact Elizabeth at **972.768.5138** for an appointment.
- Bingo and in-facility dining has resumed at the Goliad Senior Citizen's Center. Bingo is every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Blood Pressure and Glucose screenings will resume in July.
- Diabetes classes will resume (in the FLC) on the months that have a 5th Monday.
Next class begins at 8:00 am on August 30. Contact Elizabeth to register.
Free lunch, HgA1C, BP, BMI screening plus education (8:00 am to 3:00 pm)

If you need any of the Wesley Nurse services or would like to visit about the services that I am able to provide, please call **972.768.5138** (cell).

Your Wesley Nurse

Elizabeth Wilson BSN, RN-BC