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# On the Downtown Square

## A beautiful picture of unity in diversity.



Earlier this morning, I posted to our FBC Facebook Page the call to prayer on the square. Pastor Brian Lightner of the St. James CME Church, sent a reminder to me and a handful of other ministers that this was happening, hoping for our presence. I planned to go and wanted to be sure our members had a chance to know it was happening. Then, at about 8:45 AM, I received a second text from Pastor Lightner inviting me to "say a word/pray/inspire us."

**I Said Yes**

I cannot fully describe how I felt. A touch of fear hit immediately as I considered that something I said could end up being misconstrued, or that I might be more concerned about me than about Jesus. Then, I was immediately assured by the Spirit that this was an opportunity to express gratitude, to read from God's powerful Word, and to pray in the name of Jesus Christ for hope and healing. I said yes.

**Unity and Hope**

The occasion proved to be one of solemn prayer, sweet fellowship, passionate and eloquent speakers from mostly African American churches and from multiple civic leaders. Jesus was lifted up, people were challenged, unity was evident, hope was palpable. I was blessed.

**Thankful for You**

I'm so thankful to be in this city and to be a part of First Baptist Church! As I write, it occurs to me that I was not concerned that my church would not approve of my participation in such an event but would be thankful God had allowed me to be part of it. THAT is a blessing.

One of the passages I shared as I spoke: *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6*

Heavenly Father, please continue to give us power through your Holy Spirit to be a church that courageously endures, seeing the beauty of diversity, standing with our brothers and sisters in Christ and glorifying you with one voice. In Jesus' name, Amen.



**What's Happening in Worship?**

We've been having about 250 people of all ages on campus for worship on Sunday mornings. How thankful we are to meet together!

**Reminders:**

- We offer services at 9:15 and 10:45.
- Masks are available but are NOT required.
- We continue to encourage distancing to ease health concerns.
- We are still live-streaming on Facebook and on our website at 10:45.

Church Budget and TWW Updates...  
**Not available at this time.**