

Zachery Tims' Ex-Wife Speaks Out at Church Service

✖ Riva Tims, the ex-wife of the late Pastor Zachery Tims Jr., addressed more than 2,000 people gathered at New Destiny Christian Center in Orlando, Fla., Monday night. The 42-year-old Zachery Tims was found Friday at 6 p.m. in a W Hotel room in New York City. The official cause of death is not yet known.

Riva Tims, who left the church in 2008 during a scandal and eventual divorce in which Zachery Tims admitted to an "indiscretion," told the congregation that she, her ex-husband and their four children traveled together to Puerto Rico the week prior to his death.

"God saw it fit that we would have an opportunity to spend a few days together with him," she said to the crowd who never took their seats while she spoke. "He was able to fellowship with his sons and his daughters. He was able to take pictures with them."

Riva Tims, who started Majestic Life Ministries in 2009, encouraged the members to remain one body in this time of turmoil.

"Just as Dr. Zach and myself got together, God is looking for us to be one body," she said. "I stand before you tonight in all humility with the power and grace of God and also with the spirit that Zach left behind to press on and not give up," she added.