

Wade & Kimberly Wedding Ceremony

Welcome

Good evening. My name is Bishop Michael Baird, and it is my privilege on behalf of the wedding party to welcome all of you here.

Wade and Kimberly, on behalf of everyone here I want to thank you for including us on this day.

Something higher than self

I have thought much about the two of you, and have prayed for you both. I have pondered much about what I should say to you today. In my pondering some words of the prophet David O McKay were recalled to me. I give them to you tonight. I will read them as President McKay intended them as a description to each of us of spirituality. But I give them to you with a dual meaning. The second meaning is to you both very, very personally as a key to becoming one, a key happiness in your marriage and as a key in melding your families together.

President McKay described spirituality as follows (but remember I'm giving them to you with a the dual meaning):

"...every unselfish expression of love, every brave suffering for the right; every surrender of self to something higher than self; every helpfulness to humanity; every act of self-control; every fine courage of the soul undefeated by pretence or policy, but by being, doing, and living of good for the very good's sake...

The spiritual road has Christ as its ideal - not the gratification of the physical, for he that will save his life, yielding to that first gratification of a seeming need, will lose his life, lose his happiness the pleasure of living at this present time. If he would seek the real purpose of life, the individual must live for something higher than self"

Now it will be difficult with all that you are experiencing today to remember exactly these words I just gave you. The phrase I would like you to remember is: "something higher than self"

That is my gift this day; this phrase as a touchstone to measure against and as a guide for both your spirituality and in your marriage: "something higher than self". In your marriage live for "something higher than self". As you do you will be as one and your families will come together in happiness.

Please take each other by the right hand.

Wade Leon Wilson and Kimberly Lyn Sebring, you have taken one another by the right hand in token of the covenants you will now enter into in the presence of God and these witnesses.

(Turn to the bridegroom) Wade Wilson, do you take Kimberly Sebring as your lawfully wedded wife, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as her companion and lawfully wedded husband that you will cleave unto her and none else; that you will observe all the laws, covenants, and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony, and that you will love, honor, and cherish her as long as you both shall live? (Yes or I do)

(Turn to the bride) Kimberly Sebring, do you take Wade Wilson as your lawfully wedded husband, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as his companion and lawfully wedded wife that you will cleave unto him and none else; that you will observe all the laws, covenants, and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony; and that you will love, honor and cherish him as long as you both shall live? (Yes or I do)

Wade Leon Wilson and Kimberly Lyn Sebring, by virtue of the legal authority vested in me as an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I pronounce you, Wade Leon Wilson and Kimberly Lyn Sebring husband and wife, legally and lawfully wedded for the period of your mortal lives.

May God bless your union with joy in your posterity and a long life of happiness together, and may He enable you to keep sacred the covenants you have made. These blessings I invoke upon you in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

You may kiss each other as husband and wife.

Rings

It is customary to exchange rings at this time.

Wade, place the ring on her left hand.

Kimberly, place the ring on his left hand.

The rings you exchanged are there to remind you of the covenants you have made this day.

Please do us all a favor and let us see you kiss each other again.

Gifts for the children

At this time the bride and groom have some gifts for the children

- Wade
- Kimberly

Thank you

At this time we'll let the wedding party exit. Everyone please remain seated until dismissed by the ushers. Immediately following in the cultural hall is a reception.