

Gospel

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Same-sex Marriage
DC Preachers take aim

The Wedding of the Year!
Bishop Joseph Walker takes a bride





wedded bliss!

Bishop Joseph Walker weds Dr. Stephaine Hale

Nashville's Mt. Zion Baptist Church was the setting for the exchange of vows that united Bishop Joseph Walker and Dr. Stephaine M. Hale in holy matrimony.

Walker, who hails from Shreveport, LA, came to Nashville in the early 90s to assume the pastorate of a historic church, which he has proceeded to transform into the largest urban megachurch in the city. The bride, a neonatologist, resided in Boston prior to the marriage, but had already known Walker from her college days, when she attended Mt. Zion.

The bride's pastor sparked the union, when he suggested to her that Walker was



“someone she should meet.” Walker, a widower for the past three or so years, beamed with joy during the entire service and reception.

The bridesmaids wore rose-beige colored, exquisitely designed, formal dresses, and the groomsmen wore black tuxedos. Several pastors from around the country attended and participated in the ceremony, notably, Bishop Eddie Long (pictured r), who served as Walker’s best man and charged the couple to keep their marriage “exciting.”

Musical performers included psalmists, Norman Hutchins, Judy McAllister, and Tonya Baker. The couple will reside in Nashville.

