

and painted. The name of the church has been placed in large Neon Lights on the outside of the church. The beautiful stained-glass windows of our auditorium have been completely restored at a cost of over \$35,00.00, which was paid for in cash.

Dr. Stokes served as Host to the District Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention in 1967, also the Georgia State Baptist Convention 96th Annual Session in 1966. He will be the host again for the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress in 1969.

The following members were united in matrimony during his pastorate: Misses Julia C. Johnson, Sallie Kate Moore, Rosa Anne Lanier, Viola Haven, Drucilla Moore, Maggie Washington, Allease Pickett, Theresa Lewis, Lillian Hill, and Anita Wright.

During these five years, our membership has been largely increased. Dr. Stokes has taken a definite place in the entire community life of our city, and is highly esteemed by his fellow ministers. We are sure that as the years move on—Dr. Stokes will continue keeping First African Baptist Church a beacon light for this city, and all surrounding areas. We are praying that God will continue to bless his administration as our Pastor, and that he will live long to carry on the great work of our Heavenly Father. We are proud of our Pastor, and we wish to CONGRATULATE HIM ON THIS HIS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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**FIFTH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**OF**

*Dr. Wm. Franklin Stokes, II*

October 13, 1968 — October 20, 1968



Dr. Wm. Franklin Stokes, II, was called to the pastorate of First African Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday, in April, 1963, and personally accepted the call on May 13, 1963. The Installation Services were conducted by Rev. T. Ewell Hopkins, of New Haven, Connecticut.

Among his many achievements during his pastorate are paying off the mortgage on the Church and the parsonage, which left the church debt-free; he licensed and ordained two for the ministry, namely, Deacon M. Southall Brown, who is now pastoring in Charleston, South Carolina and Deacon Charles L. Hall, who is pastoring in Ludowici, Georgia. The following were ordained to the Senior Board of Deacons:—O. E. Webb, M. S. Cross, Welmon Porter, Haskell Flowers, Willie Wilson.

He was instrumental in receiving 9,000 Special Church Bulletins from Mr. Lamar Perkins of New York, in Memory of his mother, and a similar dedication was given by Mrs. Maceo Waters in honor of sister, Mrs. Isabell Manzo. 100 Broadman Hymnals were given by "The Stokes" Family in memory of their two children. A Ladies Lounge was added to our church—the kitchen was enlarged, and he encouraged the various auxiliaries of our church to supply the needed appliances for the kitchen. The lower auditorium was painted, and ten new aluminum windows were put in. The wood-work of the exterior has been painted, also the steeple was repaired