

Rev. Abraham Lockhart and his wife Betty Lockhart are the owners of Cornerstone Christian Gifts, Inc.

## Cornerstone Supplies Christian Gifts

By Lora Vanderhall Post Staff Writer

Three and a half years ago Rev. and Mrs. Abraham Lockhart opened Cornerstone Christian Gifts, Inc.

The idea to open the gift store came to Rev. Lockhart as a revelation from God. "The Lord spoke to me and let me know there was a need within the community to spread the word of God. There was a great need for christian literature," said Rev. Lockhart.

Mrs. Lockhart recalls the day her husband told her about his revelation. "I had been working with the school system for about 20 years when he asked me to quit my job to start the gift store. I remember that August morning when my sister-in-law, Lot-

tie L. Garrett, and I came to open the store. It really gave me a good feeling." Mrs. Lockhart said some people come by just because they need some to talk to and she enjoys helping oth-

After her four mile daily walk, she opens the store promptly at 9:30 each morning. Cornerstone is open Monday thru Friday, 9:30-5:30, and Saturday 9:30 4:00. It is located at 5703 Old Concord Road.

Rev. Lockhart previously worked at Atlantic Envelope, where he was the only black ad-Juster for 13 years. He is currently the pastor at Morning Star Baptist Church. He says he has enjoyed being in business and he is glad he accepted the Lords will to open the store. Fear can paralyze a person when attempting new ventures. But, if God tells you to do something don't look at your ability but at God's ability.

Cornerstone Christian Gifts offers church supplies, sheet

music, albums and tapes, Bibles and study guides, christian books and cards. They also have a variety of church and wedding program covers, order choir robes and have a special section called "Preachers Corner" with a large variety of pas-toral supplies. Bibles are still the number one selling book.

They have a convenient lay-away plan and they accept visa and mastercard.

Rev. and Mrs. Lockhart recently renewed their vows after celebrating 25 years of marriage. They have one daughter, Kathy

They attribute all of their success to the mercifulness of Christ. "We walk by faith and not by sight." said Rev. Lockhart. They want to thank the community and churches for supporting them and they want to continue serving the need for christian books and gifts. "It's not what we can get but what we can give in serving God."

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