

**SIXTH BOOK BY WATSON TO BENEFIT OPEN DOOR  
COMMUNITY HOUSE IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

*A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH* by W. Hamp Watson, Jr. will benefit The Open Door Community House, Inc. in Columbus, Georgia. Like Vashti in Thomasville, Open Door is a National Mission Institution of the United Methodist Church, the Women's Division and the South Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church.

A native of Baxley, Georgia, Watson has been pastor of United Methodist Churches since 1951.. Following pancreatic cancer surgery April 14, 2007, he has doubly retired following thirteen years of service beyond retirement in small membership churches.

James R. King, Jr., Resident Bishop of The South Georgia Conference, says, "Simply Uplifting! You will find "*A Light Unto My Path*" to be a gift for your life that keeps on giving. Hamp Watson has tapped into a great need for Christians to understand more deeply the meaning of Advent /Christmas and the other seasons of the church year. He captures the heart and soul of the gospel. Each meditation takes you on a journey that leads to inspiration, reflection, as well as a fresh opportunity to regain a healthy perspective for why you have been placed on this earth."

Though Watson has written about two-thirds of the meditations, present and former Columbus pastors and friends of Open Door Community House have contributed 20 of the meditations. The writers include two deceased Pastors of St. Paul UMC, John Wilson and Frederick Wilson and a portion of a meditation by the late Dr. William H. Hinson. Other authors are: Dr. Tim Bagwell, Dr. Hal Brady, Sammy Clark, Marcia Cochran, Edwin M. (Buddy), Cooper, Jr., Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Ronald (Ronnie) L. Culpepper, James E. "Jimmy" Duke, Jr., C. G. Haugabook, Jr., David Haygood, Sr., Creede Hinshaw, Tom H. Johnson, Jr., Jack Key, Dr. Gilbert Ramsey, Dr. A. Jason Shirah, Ron Smith, C. E. "Ned" Steele and Bishop James E. Swanson.

This book stands in the tradition of the five earlier books edited or written by W. Hamp Watson, Jr., in that it benefits a ministry of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. *Frederick Wilson Still Speaks* benefited The Methodist Home for Children and Youth. *More Big Words for our Time* benefited Wesley Glen Homes for Adults with Handicapping Conditions. *Little Stories / Big Ideas* benefited The League of the Good Samaritan at Magnolia Manor, *A Christmas Cornucopia* benefited "Miss Ella's Camp for Special People" at Epworth By the Sea and *Saying Yes and Amen to Life* benefited The Vashti Center in Thomasville, Georgia.

Kim Jenkins, Executive Director of Open Door says, "Persons who live in poverty and who are homeless forever will be changed because of this peek into God's own heart through the written word. Children will find safe refuge, women will find employment and housing, families will be reunited, senior adults will be nurtured, and men will find gainful work – all leading to persons reaching their full potential as children of God and all which, I believe, make God smile."

Friends and supporters have paid all of the printing and production costs. This allows the entire sales price to be given directly to Open Door Community House, Inc.

***A Light Unto My Path*** may be ordered at \$12 each with checks made out to Open Door. The \$12 includes \$2.00 for shipping. To order this book or any of the earlier books mentioned in this article, email, call or write:

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In addition, the book will be on sale for \$10 at these local United Methodist churches in Columbus, GA:

South Columbus UMC, St. Mark UMC, St. Mary's Road UMC, St. Luke UMC, St. Paul UMC, St. Peter UMC, and Wynnton UMC.