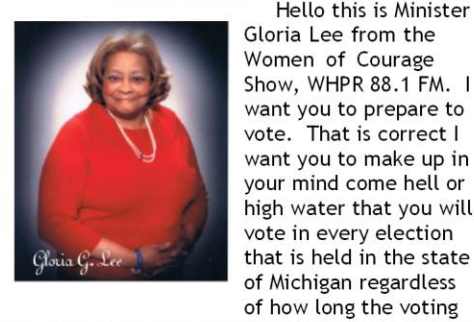


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Power of Voting

"If voting didn't matter much, foreign governments wouldn't try to influence it. And if voting didn't matter much, we wouldn't see efforts in America to make it harder for certain people to vote. Your vote does matter."
- Kim Wehle author of *What You Need to Know About Voting — and Why*



Hello this is Minister Gloria Lee from the Women of Courage Show, WHPR 88.1 FM. I want you to prepare to vote. That is correct I want you to make up in your mind come hell or high water that you will vote in every election that is held in the state of Michigan regardless of how long the voting line is and regardless of the weather. Your vote is important, this is why you need to take some water with you and a small stool to sit on. Your vote will determine the property taxes we pay, the car insurance that we paid, the housing that is available for seniors, the schools our children attend. Your vote will determine the number of new job openings, the number of hospitals and hotels in our city. Your vote will determine the policies at our universities and the police force. Never assume that your vote does not count. Voting is the most essential activity that you will ever do in your life. People have died so you can vote. Elections come down to voter turnout so stand in line and make your vote count. And be sure to listen to our regular radio broadcast every Friday and Sunday on WHPR and television shows every Tuesday and Thursday. Remember you can register and vote at your clerk's office and you can apply for a mail-in ballot. I am going to play certain speeches regarding the need to vote. There will be speeches by Obama, Stacy Abrams, and others.

In the upcoming months, I am going to change our format significantly. During the months of September and October we will also be broadcasting throughout the week discussing the subject of voting. This year we will exhaust three subjects: breast cancer in black women, voting, and black men going to prison. Each of these subjects is essential for the black community. Our survival depends on the health of black women, our willingness to vote no matter what and the fortitude and determination of the black male. We might as well face it the survival of any community depends on the mental and physical health of both the female and the male. Children need both their father, and their mothers and communities need happy substantial families. No culture can survive without either. I want you to join me in our discussion. I want women to realize the survival of their children is the only proof that you existed. Think about what I just said. Your children are the only proof that you ever existed so when you are careless about your health and die their chances of survival are reduced. I want men to join in learning about breast cancer and try and save the lives of their mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins and grandmothers. I want men to begin to listen to subjects that can greatly improve their lives. I hope you enjoy the new format and be greatly encouraged in your life. As always thank you for listening and growing with us.

Scientifically, humans evolved into modern-day humans. From a religious standpoint, Adam was the first human, and we are all his descendants. No one really knows how and when we came upon Earth. There are theories about how and when. Theories cannot be regarded as facts but at least they satisfy our logic, so we acknowledge them. We were on earth estimated about 300,000 years ago. We have lived in caves, tribes, colonies to modern cities and empires, now geographical boundaries called countries and states, and ultimately are part of global village today. We have evolved according to climate, geographical conditions, economic and other factors. We have gathered at places of the same interest. We have revolutionized the whole world into a global village. The most amazing thing to foresee is that we have practiced almost every form of government and leadership that is possible to human thinking. Having deep research on it, we modern day humans see democracy as the best form of government. Although democracy has some disadvantages but as far as our research is concerned, it is still, the best performing form of government till date. Democracy is a Greek word comprising of "Demos" which means people and "kratos" which means power. Thus, democracy refers to the form of government where the people have the power and authority to choose who would be their leader. It is far better than Monarchy and other forms of government where a lay man's opinion doesn't t

count. No one gave importance to a lay man until Democracy arrived. This is a point where even a janitor's vote matters equally to an influencer. I.e. they both have one vote to cast. The power of voting is the most powerful tool that we have to make a change in our lives, our state, our country and even globally. Your one vote can create and destroy one's decision. Also, your vote is a huge responsibility on your shoulders. Think of a 100 percent turnout on voting day, this would be the day when we have decided to change our lives for prosperity, for development, for a vertical change economically, morally, and spiritually. This would be the day when elections would be fair. This would be a day when the elected people would actually represent each constituent justifiably. If you are not getting up from your bed and taking out time to fulfill your responsibility, to vote, to have a change then don't blame anyone else for who you are today. Democracy is a complete perfect structure of form of government. The only problem lies where people don't show up to vote and after that if the elected representatives are not doing their jobs, democratically you have a right to protest, you have the right to take them down from that position. Yes, every constitution of each democratic country gives you the right to make the elected representatives accountable in front you. This is the power of voting. This is people's power. Your vote is your fundamental right. To illustrate the power of your vote, imagine a Company has issued 1,000 ordinary shares, 600 of which were purchased by Mrs. Smith, 300 were purchased by Mr. Anderson and 100 were purchased by Mr. Brown. In this instance, Mrs. Smith owns a controlling share of the Company and thus has the voting power to make decisions and pass resolutions on her own. Even were Mr. Anderson and Mr. Brown to work together, they would still not have the voting power to pass resolutions or impact on the direction of the company. This is why each and everyone one of you should vote to have an impact, to raise your voice in rooms where decisions are made about you and your younger generations. Do you know if you do not start voting you are going to grow old and become one of those "IF ONLY I HAD DONE THIS" PEOPLE.

The graveyard is filled with "If only I had done this" people. If only I had spent more time with my son, he would not be in prison. If only I had spent more time with my wife, she would not have left me. If only I had paid more attention at work, I would not have been fired at age 56. Now you are wondering how my son can be in prison related to voting. Think about it. If you had voted for a legislator who cared about people we could have better housing, better health care, better work hours and leave time and better education opportunities for our children. If your child had received a better education, he would not have been trying to rob a little old lady with a gun. And he would not have shot and killed her when she resisted him taking her purse. With a better education your son would be looking to a bright future by receiving training at a trade school or junior college. He would not have been shooting and killing people. A better education tells a person reading is important, causing them to for the rest of their lives. Reading is a source of information that can help a person live a better life, understand their children and to retrain for a better job. The literacy rate in black communities is the lowest in the nation. The City of Detroit where the literacy rate is one of the lowest in the United States, amounting to only 47.00% [1, 2], meaning that one out of every two adults or half of the population in Motor City is functionally illiterate. This is why you are failing at life. The Women of Courage regular radio show broadcast on WHPR channel 88.1 FM every Friday from 3 to 4 pm and every Sunday from 8 to 9 am. Our regular television shows broadcast on WHPR 15.2 every Tuesday from 9 to 10 am. And every Friday from 10 to 11 am. Please remember if you are not in your car or near a radio when we broadcast, we can be seen and heard on your computer if you go to TV-33 WHPR.com or Roku you miss any of our broadcasts you can visit our archive and listen to that broadcast on our YouTube channel touched by the light publishing. If you want to discuss any of the topics of my shows you can email Women of Courage at murderedvoices@gmail.com thank you - and don't forget to visit our website at touchedbythelight.us for a book to read. Radio WHPR 88.1 FM Television WHPR 15.2 Every Friday 5-6 pm, 3 pm to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Every Sunday 8-9 am 9 pm to 10 pm Monday Tuesday and Thursday Also available on Roku, Firestick - download app 9 am to 10 am Tuesday, 10 am to 11 am Thursday, 9 am to 10 am Saturday, and 9 am to 10 am Sunday.

Southeastern High School Alumni Reunion



Left to right front row: Rev. Dianne Seifuddin, Dr. Bishop Sandy Dixon, Jr., PhD. And Pastor Emerita Rev. Naomi Gatlin

Dr. Bishop Dixon celebrated his 96th birthday this year. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a doctorate in business administration. He received his religious training at the California Graduate School of Theology in Glendale, CA. After teaching business education for 32 years at Southeastern High School, Dr. Dixon retired in 1992. Many of his past students (second row) greeted and

thanked him for the skills and life lessons they learned in his classes and how useful they were throughout their careers and years of employment. Dr. Dixon is the founding pastor of Faith Temple Full Gospel Church located at 19000 Conant in Detroit, MI. He has served for 57 years in the ministry. "I want to express my deepest appreciation to the committee for locating and inviting me," Dr. Dixon said.

