

Video: Bethel Church Leader Creates Library to Honor Past Revivalists

Bill Johnson, senior pastor of Bethel Church in Redding, Calif., is working to build a library of works and documents of past revivalist leaders. He calls it "The House of Generals."

"One of the calls that God has put on my life and really for all of us as a church family is to honor the leaders of this present day but also those in the past," Johnson explains in a video on The Mandate website, a division of Bethel Church. "And in doing so, one of the practical ways that I felt we could do this would be to study and to collect materials from past revivals and revivalists. And so, the Lord has really directed us ... to collect materials, a library and a museum to honor revivals of the past."

Johnson says he does not want to move backwards, but says that the Lord has made it clear that "if we will honor those who have walked faithfully before the Lord in the past that in that honor He will give us access to their anointing."

"We're looking to be able to raise a generation to walk in the fullness of what God has called us to," he continues. "And to do that, we need to study. We need to research. We need to appreciate and celebrate the victories of yesterday."

The library includes works of Roberts Liardon and is growing "almost daily," Johnson says.