

Today we dedicate a new building for what--- to serve our own interest? No. To eat and be merry? No... To socialize? No. To gather just for fellowship? No....

Pageant, Manteo, N. C. watch the hard ships, toil starvation, cold, few left march out into the wilderness, never to be heard of again, they are lost, lost to Hist. all trace is gone never heard of again..... You feel at first what courage! then you feel sad--- marching out to sure death--- Lost---

Another colony of people who need our help--- they are lost sinners--- unbelieving--- need our help.....

God is measuring us today, will we be found short of the standard???????

PERRY MITCHELL\* 2 men went up in a plane--- something went wrong with the plane and the pilot ordered the man to jump--- he waited--- requested him to jump--- third time still he did not respond to his command--- Pilot rolled out shaken up a bit--- in Hospital, Mitchell said all that the pilot could tell him, over and over again he said I had a man with me and lost him, I had a man with me and lost him...

Tragic men and women boys and girls, we fail to win them to Christ, lack of vision---

God is measuring us today lets determine not to loose them.....

#### V. MEASURING OUR CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE

God knows and we know that we have an appointment with the future---

Before us is one of the greatest opportunities of our lives--- How concerned are we,,,,, How interested are we...

Our task has just gotten under way ---- an auditorium equal to our educational space in next---- we need to build room for a 1,000 people to come into the preaching services every Sunday---

Already some of our space in the new Bldg. we dedicate today is crowded and overflowing.....

#### GOD IS MEASURING HIS CHURCH

You Think of at standard when you think of measure--- a yd. or a foot--- or a qt., Gal.... Mile..... a given amount... The govt. has set standards for us to meet, or measure up to, scales must give a certain measure....

Luke 6 : 38 Talks about giving good measure, pressed down and shaken--- speaking of dried material.

Hab. 3:6 Pictures Jehovah God standing and measuring the Earth--- He measures the earth with his all seeing glance--- whereupon he is dissatisfied with what he sees...

Rev. 11:1 John tells of a reed--- a measuring reed of the church--- to measure our faith--- implies how shallow our profession is--- also measuring for the restoration of the Temple, a forerunner of the new Jerusalem.

Gal. 1:13 Paul talks of being persecuted beyond Measure.

Zec. 2:1 Behold a man with a measuring Line--- This man is the Messiah--- who is measuring Jer.....

The Jews are encouraged in Zech. time to proceed with the building--- gave them encouragement in the future restoration....

Measure here implies Exactness, definiteness.

2 Cor. 10:12-14 Paul says you are measuring yourself by yourselves....

Paul meant you have the wrong standard...

" " a low standard....

" " are doing yourself an injustice---

Paul was saying further God is measuring you,,,,

Paul says God has a right standard & will judge...

I. MEASURING THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH

Proclaim his message of Sin

.....of the Saviour

..... of Salvation

Some say preacher you are to hard on sin, or you set a perfect standard.

..... of Life beyond.....

II. WORK OF THE CHURCH

Jesus left his supreme mission to the church--- to go into all the world and win the lost

A church can not decide whether it will be missionary or not, it can not decide whether it will be a soul winning church or not-----

It is not up to the church to decide what she will do- it had already been settled by Jesus

Paul said- instead of measuring themselves by Gods they measure themselves by one they have made.....

They do not measure themselves by others who excell them but with those like themselves.....

This is not fair--- Not fair to yourself--- not fair to others...

WHAT ABOUT OUR CHURCH?

Long history of some 60 years plus-----early beginning  
Xtians intersted in community-----

struggle for a building----- organized-----

Gradual up grade-----

Church burned-----

Church rebuilt-----

Finally church paid for 1936-----some 20 yrs later....

Now the church is growing---Last 8 years

Building Comm.... progress made..... Finanical-----

Man wanted to join a church in N.Y. very well glad to

Oh, dont care to go to work...I just want to join your church well we have our members divided up into depts. of work, like S.S. , Visiting, etc... But man insisted he did not want to go to work, he just wanted to join.... My friend you are looking for the church around the cornes named Heavenly Rest. They dont do anything ....

Our church has been at work--- As Preacher vusited a young man in the hospital working on a Jig saw pluzzle---finish all but one piece..here it is said the ypun man, I kept it out you see it fits here, ti is only a blank piece of card board without much form, I have learned that lession here in the hospital. I am a piece in Gods plan and without me his plan is incomplete--- Preacher you can count on me being in my place at work in our church....

We all fit in God's plan--- I feel today keemly this truth In this hour of Inspiration- I fit in--- you fit in--- God is measuring our work today to see if it is goxld or straw-

III. MEASURING OUR OFFE ING

It is part of our great work here--- *Bible giving*

It is not giving money to a church or man but to Christ?

Catch a vission of giving to the nail scared hands...

God is meas uring the amount held back--- In the temple he watcged the rich and poor and the woman who gave her all...

IV. MEASURING OUR SOUL\*WINNING

As we think of the mission of Jesus--- and how he sought souls--- God is measuring our interast in lost souls today...

We have in the last 8 yrs.. tried to lead in this direction

This is Gods Hour in our Church— It is our responsibility to accept what he has outlined for us to do-----

Do we have upon our hearts the great work for tomorrow?  
Can we not see what needs to be done, not for Baptist, a thousands times no,,, I read the other day of a church in a building program and one of the objectives was to build for the denomination----- our concern today must be one and one along----- concern fo Christ.....

Douglas Steere tells of a trip to Europe— Plane carried a heavy load of gasoline— if there is a storm etc through 1, 0000 m les at a section on the pilots chart there was a line draw - it represented a point of no return,, when a plane crosses that line it must make for the Azores Islands, because not enough fuel left to return to America... It must go on  
There is nothing else to do-- we have crossed the line of no return and we must go on for Christ.....

Mothers DAY → To Those Who have gone on - Those Who are Here today - your sons etc - Bark Smith 10/1/57 to say I'll sign -

#### VI. MEASURING HIS PEOPLE

God is not only measuring what we have done, but he is measuring our individual lives....

Paul said they were measuring themselves by themselves, but today God is interested in the dedication of your life along with this bldg.....

Quaker Girl— dreamed she was on her way to school saw people measuring themselves By Golden rod in the earth and as they would stand by the rod an angle with a wan would touch them and they would grow or deminish---in staute A S.S. teacher--deminshed---Social woman--daminshed---Old seamstress grew--- then the little girl stood to be measured when t ouched by the angle began to shrinkkkk she cried out as the recording angle began to wirtte it downnnnn I can do better--- after her sleep— it was only a dream--but how true----- God is measuring today-----

Child stand up by a bldg. or a person and measures

God is measuring us...