November 26, 2019

Dear SCPC Family and Friends:

Because news travels fast in our community, the Session and I want you to hear first from us about the break in at the church on Monday night. Sometime between about 3:00 on Monday afternoon and early Tuesday morning, someone(s) threw a brick through the bathroom window to break the window and enter the building.

Once they got in to the building, they kicked out the lower panels of the pastor’s office door and the church office door. The doors were damaged enough they will have to be replaced. So far as we can tell, they got a TV, a Bluetooth speaker, a camera, (all used for teaching, preaching and meetings) and various other small portable items. They went throughout the building plundering in closets and cabinets.

The police were very responsive and sent detectives out to check for fingerprints, etc.

Several things we’d ask of you:

* Pray for those who did this – Christ commands us to pray for those who harm us
* Give thanks for all of the men and women in our congregation who dropped everything to come clean up and do the necessary repairs
* Give thanks for the police who were so responsive (and make sure you thank them when you see them parked on the property)
* Pray for how we can serve our community in ways that help break the cycle of this kind of activity.

We will keep you up-to-date when/if we learn anything.

May each of you have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving. As we say each time we gather around the Table, “it is right to give our thanks and praise” to God!

Blessings to each and every one of you,

Red, Bill, Lloyd, Janet, Scott, Fred, Bob, and Camille