

This month I spent a week in Scottsdale, AZ at my company's national sales meeting. Our keynote speaker at the conference was Amy Purdy ([www.amypurdy.com](http://www.amypurdy.com)). When Amy was 19 years old, she lost both of her legs from complications following a battle with Meningococcal Meningitis. Rather than focusing on what she had lost, Amy choose to take advantage of what she still had to make the most of her life and influence others. Amy went on to win a bronze medal in snowboarding at the 2014 Paralympic games and remains the only double-leg amputee competing in snowboarding at the world-class level. She is most proud of co-founding Adaptive Action Sports, a non-profit agency that helps those with disabilities to get involved in action sports. You may recognize Amy's name from having been on the popular television shows *Amazing Race* and *Dancing with the Stars*.

Amy's story not only inspired me, it also reminds me of our journey at Peace. We have overcome obstacles in our history, but we are beginning to grow once again by focusing on the future rather than the past. There is still more that we can do, please continue to pray for God's guidance and ask yourself what gifts you can contribute toward building that future.

Garry & Shelly Bruch have announced that they are moving to Florida to be closer to their daughter and granddaughter. Peace has benefitted greatly from both Garry & Shelly's time and talent over the years and we will miss their loving friendship. The Council will be discussing options to backfill Garry's seat on the Council.

The Council has elected to move forward with a bid from Town & Country Plumbing to line our drain pipes throughout the facility which will address the consistent backup issues we were having earlier this year. The work can be completed at night and should not cause any disruption in normal operations.

In August we will begin streaming, or broadcasting, our services on Facebook Live as a way to reach a new audience in Northwest Arkansas. This will begin as a test using a cell phone to record the service; if the test is successful in attracting interest in Peace and new visitors the Council will consider the best options for continuing the program.

Peace,  
Zach Swanson  
Council President