

IN THE JETSTREAM



Watch and Pray ... Every Day!

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On Sunday afternoon, August 20, I was hit by a pickup truck while out riding my bicycle. All I remember is tires screeching and a huge noise slamming into me from behind. While trying to get up off the blacktop, the young man who had not been watching and hit me kept saying, "I just didn't see you. I'm sorry. Are you okay?" Looking up at his bumper and inches from the tire, I knew the good Lord was watching over me, and I praised Him that I was still alive! While in the ambulance I could feel some pain as the EMT gave me an IV and wrapped my wounds. I never dreamed I would ever be in the hospital for a week. As I slept following a visit from my wife and children that first night, I had a dream. In that dream, God showed me a red truck with two white angels in front of it with their wings spread open to stop the truck from running over me. After waking up, I prayed to thank Him again for watching over me (Psalm 91:4)...to God be the glory! I had no broken bones, but I underwent minor back surgery because of fractures. I do count my many blessings knowing it could have been much worse.

Prayer is so very powerful. I for one am very grateful for our FCAP prayer chain that connects us together around the world. I know without a shadow of a doubt that the prayers of the saints truly helped me with a rapid recovery in my healing, and I thank you for those prayers. God has indeed answered!

With this in mind, please allow me to make an application using the equipment that I fly. The instrument panel you are viewing above is out of one of the more high tech, advanced, super efficient, and sophisticated pieces of machinery. Yes, it's from the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. As pilots, we have all been trained, taught and instructed to watch this panel very closely as we fly with precision. This panel includes a Heads Up Display (HUD). We use this for takeoff, climb, descent, approach, and landing. It allows us to keep our head up while watching out the window and yet having all the instruments in



view that we need. As for safety and times of emergency, this does give us better situational awareness without often having to move our head and eyes up-and-down while looking through the window.

Now here's my spiritual view looking through the HUD. Is this device mandatory to use? No, but it sure can make a world of difference when you know how to use it. When we take the time at work to watch and pray for hurting employees, we are using our own HUD. Coworkers may sugarcoat their language and masquerade what they're really going through, but you can use your HUD by holding your head up high and displaying the glory of the Lord through your life. King David said in Psalm 27:6, *"Now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies."* Being Christ like is taking time to look into the window of your co-worker's life. WOW! You may be surprised what the Holy Spirit is allowing you to see.

We truly are Christ's ambassador at work. While in this mission field, He will use us to make a difference in the lives of others, as I am sure He already has. With so many hurting coworkers around us, it is easy to miss their covered up pain. Their smiles may be just a camouflage when you ask them, "How is it going?" Usually they say, "Everything is good." Using your own HUD, you can make a world of difference...just give it a try. I enjoy praying over our meals in the cockpit. It opens up a different window for me to look through.

Let's keep watching and praying (as Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:9-13) ... every day!

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
Matthew 26:41

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people to *know and experience God’s presence with them at work* and to *trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

- WE OFFER:**
- Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
 - Free publications and weekly thoughts that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
 - Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on [“Connect With Us”](#) on the website.



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