

IN THE JETSTREAM



“Destination in Sight”

"Air Shuttle (ASH)6200 descend to three thousand feet...turn right heading of 030....airport is at your 3 o'clock fifteen miles. Report airport in sight." On this leg, the pilot in the left seat is flying and glances intermittently to the right while adjusting the controls of the autopilot to comply with the instructions given by Potomac Approach. The First Officer in the right seat immediately looks to the right but glances back at the flight panel to confirm that the flying pilot has made the correct altitude selection and turned the correct knob for direction. When the verbal confirmations have been made to each other of the instructions given, "...heading 030 and descend to three thousand...." The pilots continue scanning the horizon for the airport information that was provided. Both crew members look at the landscape, highways, trees, neighborhoods, and then open space. The right seat pilot gives a thumbs up, signaling that the airport is in sight. Both pilots confirm with the information on the MFD (Multi Function Display) screens to verify that they are indeed looking at Dulles Airport. The Captain responds, "Go ahead and let them know we have Dulles airport in sight." The non-flying right seat pilot states on the radio, "Potomac approach, ASH6200 has Dulles airport in sight." Approach responds back, "ASH6200 cleared for the visual approach runway 19C, contact tower 134.42....good day!" Tower is contacted and clearance to land is given.

I use our flying segment as a comparison of the Gospel of John's first chapter because there are similarities in communication. John the Baptist communicates to people, who communicate with each other, and then decisions are made regarding their spiritual destination. (Note: If you are unable to access a book and have Internet access, type in www.biblegateway.com; then type "John 1" in the search area.)

Author John lays the ground work ... he explains the

foundation of Jesus. John clarifies that the Word has always existed and who the Word is. He explains about the light that shines in the darkness. John the Baptist was asked by religious leaders who he was, if he were Elijah or a prophet. He responds with the scripture passage from the prophet Isaiah, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' "

John the Baptist had disciples with him that made transition from him to Jesus. One of these disciples was Andrew who persuaded his brother Peter to follow the Messiah, to whom John the Baptist was pointing with clarity. Many of us have heard about Peter, but most of us forget that it was Andrew that pointed his brother Peter to Jesus. Later in the story, Philip was called by Jesus to follow him, and Philip goes to his good friend Nathanael and points him in the direction of Jesus. What great examples! This was part of the forming of Jesus' disciples.

Communication with one another is important in our flying routine just as it is important in our Christian walk in life. We seek to maintain communication with one another so we are able to locate our respective destination. In these experiences of flying or in life, we are continuously learning. We are learning to more effectively share the information with clarity by being able to point in the direction that we need to go just as Andrew shared with Peter and Philip shared with Nathanael.

May God bless you as you strive to point others to Jesus with clarity so they may keep Him in sight.

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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 do not have a membership or dues; rather 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. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, 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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