



The Routine of Announcements...

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Airlines and airports are places full of announcements every day. It is an essential part of the industry because it informs people and gives them necessary information and directions. There are announcements at the gates to prepare people for boarding a flight, flight crews make announcements on airplanes to instruct people about safety measures that prepare them for the flight, and the flight deck makes announcements about the progress of the flight or possible turbulence ahead. Announcements give people information they need to know and sometimes what they want to know.

Are you aware that you are constantly making announcements in the way you live your daily life? For instance, people may not hear but see the object of your faith by what you put your trust and hope in. You especially announce this to them with your actions when things cannot be explained in human terms, and yet you keep your focus on God. It declares to them what or whom you believe in.

Then there is the announcement your life makes regarding what is important to you. We go to church and hear that the most important commandment is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves. Then we go to work where the atmosphere is one of self preservation, and most seem to care only about themselves and their own interests. If I adapt to this environment, my life is announcing that my number one concern is "me." As Christians, we would say that God is not only interested in me personally, but He also is interested in others (Philippians 2:3-4). But does our life show this to others? When my life transmits that I love God first and love others as myself, it makes a loud and clear announcement that will get people's attention.

Imagine seeing a passenger who is a foreigner lost at the airport and cannot speak your language. They are in need to

catch their flight but do not know where to go or how to ask. If they simply follow the masses of people at the airport, thinking they could be led to their flight, they may never find it. But if they go to a person wearing a uniform with emblems, representing the airline they were flying, they will find immediate help finding their way to the gate.



As Christians, our life is like a daily public announcement, making statements to the people around us. Many of these people are lost and distressed in their circumstances. They do not know where they are going in this life, or in eternity. The only notable thing that can help them is people wearing markings that point them in the right way. Though Christians don't wear uniforms and emblems to identify themselves, their lives do have God's markings on them. These markings may not be spelled out in letters, but the apparent emblems of kindness, patience, forgiveness, and love cannot help but be noticed by people. It points them in the right direction ... to God.

Maybe ask yourself, "Does my life announce to the people around me that there is someone greater than me, greater than my company, and one who has first place in my life?" My relationship with God should compel me in such a way that though people do not know God, they can see His works and marks in my life! God has made Himself known to us personally, so we can make Him known to others. (PMC)

"Therefore, we are ambassadors of Christ, God making His appeal to others through us ...be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5:20)

To know Him and make Him known,
The FCAP Staff

Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

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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 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.

OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD

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 “Your Next Step” on the website.



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