

IN THE JETSTREAM



Contagious Fellowship!

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Imagine for a moment that you're on a company assignment in a city far from home and your work project has unexpectedly been extended for a few more weeks. Not knowing anyone in the area, you feel stranded. Thus you go online to look for a church nearby. You locate one not too far from your hotel and decide to visit it. When you arrive at the door, you are warmly welcomed. The service starts and you sing along to familiar songs; then the pastor shares an encouraging message from God's Word. Afterward a few people invite you to lunch, where you end up sharing with each other how God is working in your lives. As you go back to your hotel room, you think to yourself... "It seems like I've known these people for a long time, almost like family." God designed "**fellowship**" for this very purpose.

How is "**fellowship**" formed? Is it something short lived or something that is developed over time? The word "**fellowship**" carries with it the idea of our sharing something in common with others... being partners who participate in each other's lives. You cannot enjoy "**fellowship**" by simply being a spectator at an event, as "**fellowship**" requires your and others' participation. You don't have to become best friends in order to enjoy "**fellowship**"; Christians enjoy "**fellowship**" by simply identifying with those who have received the blessings of God's great salvation and who acknowledge His continuous work in their lives. Because of this we can enjoy "**fellowship**" regardless of whether you've known a person for 30 years or a mere 30 minutes. As we are called into "**fellowship**" with God (1Corinthians 1:9), so are we called into "**fellowship**" with one another.

Have we lost the meaning of "**fellowship**" because of life's business, or have we changed its meaning to "attendance" by simply being present at an event without any personal participation in each other's lives?

For centuries, authentic "**fellowship**" has characterized the awesome connection the people of God have (Acts 2:42). There is a passage in the book of Hebrews (10:32-33) where we are told how some Christians in the first century were being

persecuted because of their Christian faith and literally had their properties confiscated. The depiction of "**fellowship**" here is astounding. Other Christians came to stand with the persecuted and became "**sharers**" with them in the ordeal. In the original language, the word used here for "**sharer**" is the same word that is often translated as "**fellowship**". As believers, we can thus experience true "**fellowship**" while enjoying a cup of coffee with each other, and we can also experience it when sharing our deepest hurt and difficulties with tears.



What about our workplace... Is it void of any "**fellowship**" due to time restrictions in our workday? This could be true for some, but we hear from many Christians who dedicate their break times to invite their fellow-Christians to share what they have in common at the workplace. We are told they gather for "**fellowship**" for a few minutes to encourage one another with God's Word and to pray for one another, the needs of their coworkers, and their company. They tell us the "**fellowship**" is rich and provides support and encouragement in ways they had not imagined. The workplace has its shares of troubles and difficulties that afford Christians an opportunity to share in deep and meaningful ways in each other's lives.

Every Christian brings into their workplace a shared connection through Christ that exceeds their company identity and job position. It allows them to share together in the simplest and yet most profound ways. As "**fellowship**" is meant to be intentional and inviting, we must be approachable and take steps to engage with others; in doing so we will discover God's design for our having "**fellowship**" with Him and with one another. Engage in meaningful "**fellowship**" in your workplace ... you'll be amazed what God will do! (PMC)

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have 'fellowship' with us; and indeed our 'fellowship' is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

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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 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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