

# IN THE JETSTREAM



## A Notable Presence!

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**H**ave you ever had a well-known person come into your workplace? I remember when a former U.S. President boarded a flight that my wife and I were on. There probably was not one person on the plane that hadn't heard of him or his influence on the nation, and in no time everyone in the place was aware of his presence.

When Christians enter their workplace, they bring more than their personality, skills, and knowledge to work. They bring with them a Divine presence that bears witness of their relationship with a personal God. The Bible describes how God abides in each of His children and thus they become His dwelling place (1Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 2:19-22). That being true, the radiance of His glory will shine through the lives of Christians, when God's presence is actively working in them (1Peter 2:9).

We can read about two of Christ's disciples and how after they were jailed and threatened by the establishment, the people were amazed at the confidence these two had in the Lord. Interestingly, these people also were aware and told each other that these men had been with Jesus (Acts 4:1-13). The point here is that the relationship these men had with Christ brought nothing less than a dynamic presence to those around them, which was observed by all.

Christians going to the workplace take with them the same presence these two disciples had, the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). The fruits of the Holy Spirit are attractive and will point to our Creator. You see...when God shows up in our workplace, He does so mostly through the presence of Christians, whose lives exemplify the God

they serve. One of the most effective witnesses Christians can have in their workplace is by letting others observe how their faith operates throughout their workday. Both in the routine as well as in the rough times of work, people should see God's influence in our life. Just as those who noted the disciples' confidence in God, so the people around us should be able to see our confidence in the Lord.

When God's presence is working through us, we take on the characteristics of salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16). Light as well as salt make no sound or noise; however, their influence can be both immediate and long term. Light pierces darkness and illuminates everything. The nature of salt brings out the taste of food and will also prevent it from decaying. Salt can also bring healing to infected wounds. The presence of our faith should never come across as obnoxious, pushy or coercive. In fact, we should never leave any reason for people not to like us based on how we treat them.

Sometimes Christians conclude that fulfilling one's job is merely showing up at work and putting in the requested hours. However, this lacks authenticity of how God wants to work through His people as they do their work. Our calling in the workplace is to demonstrate how His presence can bring a healthy and positive effect on those around us, a presence that cannot be overlooked and will be noticed by all who work around Christians and observe them as they do their work. (PMC)

*"I will dwell in them and walk among them."*  
2 Corinthians 6:16

In His Presence,  
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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