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50 YEARS AND RUNNING

I was in my early 20's when someone brought me to an FCAP luncheon by the Atlanta airport. The impressions of that day are still very vivid in my mind. I quickly noted how the people there were friendly and that their meeting centered around the person of Christ. That day a pilot shared his testimony, how Jesus Christ had delivered him from continuing down the wide road of destruction and gave him new life. His testimony resonated with God's love, grace, and forgiveness. The Lord not only saved him personally, but also restored his badly broken marriage back to a beautiful one. It was such a refreshing time that day. In my wildest dreams I would have never imagined that someday I would be serving as General Director to this group of people...but 16 years later the Lord did make it happen, and what a wonderful journey it has been!

The Start of a Ministry

FCAP started in 1971 when a Delta pilot, Joe Ivey, was on a layover in a hotel room. Joe did not sit and contemplate on how he could start an airline ministry, instead God came to him by way of a vision, or as he described, a burden, for all the pilots in his airline to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ. Joe realized that the only way this could happen was by his total dependency on God to work His will. We believe and teach in FCAP that growth and success comes as we are willing to submit to the Lord and follow His will. Also, that we must humbly confess our inability to succeed unless God works. Joe did this that night on a layover in 1971, and he continued doing this throughout his life. We humans measure success so differently than God does. We think of it as something BIG with a sudden loud BANG! But most often God takes something small and seemingly insignificant and grows it **over time** into something of great influence and stability.

Growth Over Time

FCAP has grown and spread **over time**; today it has people in over 66 airlines spread out over 40+ areas of the world. Early on, Christians in various airlines started forming groups in their local areas. These groups involved people from various Christian traditions and denominational backgrounds. This unity formed by a variety of Christians

still amazes people. Though coming from different backgrounds they **do not** compromise the basic beliefs that define the Christian faith. When I began working in FCAP in 1992, it became apparent to me how seriously its leadership took the importance of Christians **striving** to keep the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). Jesus' words in John 13:34, that say the world would know we are Jesus' disciples by how we love one another, **continues to be practiced** and brings wholesomeness and freshness to the ministry.

Unified for a Purpose

It is evident how our world is becoming more divisive and divided. It is simply not a local, cultural, or national problem...it is global. We believe in FCAP that the best way Christians can be God's witness in the workplace is **by their** submitting to God's will, **by their** trusting fully in the resource of His Spirit and His Word, and **by their** striving to keep God's unity. This will present a stark contrast to a world full of hatred and division. Though the world grows darker, God's purpose becomes more radiant to the people who sit in darkness and need to see a great Light.

This year, 2021, marks the 50th Anniversary of FCAP! Though our journey or flight may face turbulences ahead, we are assured that the course before us has been set by the wisdom of God. We know that the destination is sure and we will arrive. Why? Because the same One who called us has promised to lead and provide for us. PMC

Our theme in 2021...

***"May Our Vision for the Future
Outweigh Our Memories of the Past"***

***"Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring
it to pass."*** I Thessalonians 5:24 NASB

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*"If I ride the morning winds to the farthest oceans, even there
Your hand will guide me, Your strength will support me." Psalm 139: 9-10*

ABOUT US

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 to be "salt and light." The **FCAP ministry** is non-denominational. 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.

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.

FCAP's mission ...*"To represent Christ in the airlines/aviation industry through meaningful relationships and quality work worldwide."*

FCAP's 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.*

UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

Is tension disrupting your life?

Join us for an online discussion on

LIVING IN A TENSE WORLD

Lessons from 1 Peter

Facilitated by Paul M. Curtas, General Director of FCAP



Visit fcap.org for dates and times.



FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, January 12 & 26
9:30 am ET

FOR MEN

Tuesday, January 19
9:30 am ET

ENGAGING IN PRAYER (For One Another and Our Industry)

Wednesday, January 20
9:30 am ET

Sign-information for connection
on Zoom for all online events :

[LINK for using computer for video](#)

Meeting ID: 7704619320
Password: fcap1234

By phone, dial into meeting for audio only.

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Meeting ID: 7704619320
Password: 358149

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 relationships with them and looking out for their interests 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)



Could You Be Helped by Personal or Financial Counseling?

In light of current events and their effect on the airline industry, through God's gracious provision FCAP is able to assist with counseling needs in the lives of those needing new direction and hope. Recommended counselors are in place for both personal counseling and for financial counseling. To learn more...

[FCAP Counseling Assistance
Policy & Application](#)

[Bios of Recommended Counselors](#)