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## Terminals and Gates

**M**uch of our business in the commercial aviation industry has to do with our constant use of airports, their facilities, and their installations. Let us imagine that the world we live in is a gigantic airport terminal with crowds, billions of people living their lives as best they can as they approach the time to leave this earth. Most do not think about it and seem to live as if they will live forever, sometimes becoming careless. However, deep down everyone knows that it is only a matter of time before a disease, a pandemic, a war, or an accident puts an end to their existence. Living amid a world so full of options and alternatives, one might ask these questions: "Which path is true?" and "If there is such a path, can one choose and follow it with absolute confidence?"

### Affirmation from Our Shepherd

Jesus found Himself in a similar context. As he was going through the cities, villages, and countryside of Ancient Judea, the Bible says that He, "*saw the crowds... (and He) had compassion on them, because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*" (Matthew 9:36). In another part of Scripture, while addressing His disciples Jesus affirms, "*...I tell you the truth, I am the door of the sheep*" (John 10:7). He later explains the purpose of that statement and adds, "*I am the door; he who enters by me will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture*" (John 10:9). The truth is simple. It is through Christ that every human being can find salvation, purpose, and rest for his burdened soul. He is undoubtedly the true Way and the One in whom we can place all our trust.

### Finding the Right Path

A few years ago my family and I were visiting a friend in Tampa, Florida. It was time to return to Bogota, our home city in Colombia, and we traveled to the airport early, which would put us there three to four hours before the flight. However, upon traveling via the I-75 highway, halfway between Naples and the Miami area, we found that traffic was at a complete standstill. There had been a

car accident! As the minutes ticked by and no vehicles were allowed to pass, we began to pray.

Finally, the way was cleared and we continued, first to return the rented vehicle at the Miami Airport and then to check in less than an hour before departure. The airline employees received our checked luggage, and we hurried as best we could to get through TSA screening and then to the gate. Our fear was that we would not make it before they closed the gate. We finally found the gate, presented our boarding passes, and ran to our plane. We were the last to board and the door closed behind us! I did not look at the faces of the other passengers as we located our seats because I was too embarrassed. As we sat down and buckled our seatbelts, we experienced an incomparable relief. What joy we felt to know we had not missed our flight!

This leads me to conclude that the important thing is not the terminal and the waiting rooms, no matter how modern and well-equipped they may be. All of us in this immense terminal we call earth are waiting for our turn to leave. However, many are more concerned about how to make a profit and even how to build things in the terminal without understanding that when it is their turn to leave, they will not be able to take anything with them. The important thing is not to miss the narrow gate despite its difficult path (Matthew 7:14). What a joy will echo in our hearts when we find ourselves seated, saved, and redeemed with our beloved Savior and Lord Jesus Christ!!! DS

***"For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few."*** Matthew 7:14 ESV

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# Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

*"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*



For many years it has been our desire to have representation at the Annual Oshkosh Air Show held in Wisconsin. This is our year! On July 25-31 FCAP will host a booth in the IAMA tent. Representing us there will be Tim & Carol Files, Eugene & Christina Kraybill and Edward Church.

Perhaps you have already made plans to attend this event. If not, it may be something you would want to consider, whether it be just yourself or your family. Even if you cannot attend, please be in prayer for this wonderful outreach opportunity for the FCAP ministry.

**Thank you to  
IAMA  
(International Association of Missionary Aviation)  
and MASA  
(Mission Aviation Support Association)  
for helping to make this possible for us!**



## Come see us there!

### UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

#### PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP FOR MEN

Tuesday, June 14 & 28  
9:30 am ET

#### PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, June 7 & 21  
9:30 am ET

#### ENGAGING IN PRAYER (For One Another and Our Industry)

Wednesday, June 8 & 22  
9:30 am ET

Sign-information for  
our Prayer and Fellowship times on  
Zoom:

[LINK for using computer for video](#)  
Meeting ID: 7704619320  
Password: fcap1234

By phone, dial into meeting for  
audio only.  
+1 646 876 9923 US  
Meeting ID: 7704619320

### Are you in need of help and encouragement?

The airline/aviation industry continues to face turbulent times in many ways. As a result, an unprecedented number of employees are facing uncertainty and difficult decisions affecting their future. FCAP is here for such a time as this. We are available...

- to [PRAY](#) with and for you.
- to provide [COUNSELING RECOMMENDATIONS](#).
- to provide [BENEVOLENCE ASSISTANCE](#)  
... and more.

