

Meet our Speaker: **Tony Hurt, Meteorologist, NOAA**

I'm Tony Hurt, meteorologist at the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Ruskin, Florida since June 2018. Born and raised in central Georgia, my interest in weather was sparked when I saw a waterspout during a cruise to the Bahamas at 6 years old. Since then, I have been particularly drawn to studying all types of storms – but of most interest to me are hurricanes.

Upon returning home following the waterspout encounter, I found a few weather books at my local library as part of a summer reading club in which I was participating. One of the books told the story of Hurricane Camille, the devastating storm that affected the northern Gulf coast and Mississippi in particular during August 1969. From that point on, it became pretty clear that I wanted to become a meteorologist.

My journey to becoming a meteorologist included 8 years in the United States Navy, where I served as an Aerographer's Mate, the job title for the Navy's meteorologists. I completed duty tours in Souda Bay, Greece and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as well as a deployment to Kuwait prior to wrapping up my time as a sailor.

I earned an Associate's degree in Mathematics from Hawaii Pacific University while in the Navy, and began working toward my meteorology degree at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi following my time in the Navy. While working toward my degree I completed summer internships at the NWS office in Shreveport, Louisiana and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Earth System Research Laboratory (ESRL) in Boulder, Colorado. I was awarded a NOAA Student Pathways internship heading into my final year of studies and worked at the NWS office in Jackson, Mississippi while earning my Bachelor's degree in Meteorology from Jackson State in 2018.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY: Lord, help me to remember in thought and prayer those whom You have brought into my life. Amen.

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Tony Hurt, Meteorologist, NOAA

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Brad Dykens,
Are You Storm Ready?**

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: NO MEETING

Upcoming Events:

July 24th	Pastor Michael Carter
July 31st	Bill Sines
Aug 7th	Mike Lurie - you have bio for his speaker
Aug 14th	S4TL program students will speak to club
Aug 21st	George Donovan, Travel Pictures
Aug 28th	Club Assembly