

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, thank You for the wise words of others that help me be a better person. Amen

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: **Tony Hurt, Meteorologist,
National Weather Service**

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: **Presentation brought to us by
Ginger Hayes**

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: **Vivian Haicken,
Florida Botanical Gardens**

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 2nd	Ginger Hayes
Oct. 9th	Tom Limroth
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Oct. 30th	Phil Crow
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