Five Star Financial Group

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Striving to do what is right for our clients

Five Star Financial Group strives to be first-in-mind as the financial services provider for our clients and prospects because of the expertise, quality of preparation and dependable care our team provides. With humility at the forefront, we spend time cultivating relationships with our clients to define their goals and develop a specialized financial plan that will help meet their needs.

Specializations

- Farm and ranch estate planning
- Income distribution planning
- Business planning
- Dedicated Planning Services
- Comprehensive advice
- Insurance
- Tax efficiency planning
- Managed accounts
- Investments
- Annuities
- Generosity
- Mutual funds

Let's connect

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Brenham office
203 S. Jackson St.
Brenham, TX 77833
979-836-0693
Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed: Noon to 1 p.m.

White Sulphur Springs office
201 W. Main St.
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
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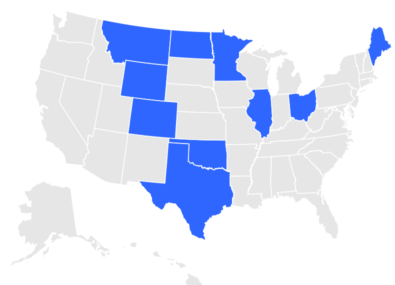


Our team serves clients nationally and is licensed in:

CO	ND
IL	OH
ME	OK
MN	TX
MT	WY

As of February 2025.

How we work with you

We are committed to building strong relationships and delivering a client experience that provides innovative solutions to accomplish their goals. We serve clients at all stages of life. We enjoy working with people that rely on our financial expertise and see the value in the advice we provide. By working with Five Star Financial Group, you get to work with a team of financial professionals committed to heightening the client experience through shared resources, knowledge and the use of each of our strength zones.

Our team

Our team, combined, has more than 70 years of experience in the financial services industry. We specialize in comprehensive financial and tax efficiency planning. We have extensive expertise in estate and retirement proficiencies that provide our clients with the knowledge necessary to pursue and achieve their personal goals.

How we work together

We follow a holistic financial planning philosophy to create a personalized game plan that aligns your financial goals. We then provide strategic tune-ups along the way to make it run efficiently.

We take a purpose-based approach. That means we view money as a tool that helps get you where you're going. Collaboration helps us focus on what's important to you as we:

Understand where you are today and where you want to be tomorrow.

Meaningful conversations that focus on your financial goals.

Strategize concepts and topics based on your unique situation.

Assembling your current financial picture helps develop your financial plan.

Implement ideas aligned with your goals.

We provide insights to show where you currently stand financially.

Adapt to life changes and celebrate progress.

As life happens and circumstances evolve, we review changes that may impact you.

Ray Weiss, CLU®, FIC
Financial Advisor
Brenham, Texas office

I am a financial advisor with Thrivent. I have provided individuals, families and businesses with estate and retirement planning opportunities for almost 40 years. I am a member of The Million Dollar Round Table, Top of The Table. I also hold my Chartered Life Underwriter designation from American College.

I hold an Associate of Arts degree from Blinn College and attended Texas A&M University. My wife, Tiffany, and I are members of Salem Lutheran Church. I am a member of the Salem Fire Department, where I spent 24 years as a volunteer firefighter, 15 of those as either chief or assistant chief. I currently serve on the Washington County Fair Executive Board, was a past chairman of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and served on the Brenham Independent School Board as president and trustee, along with numerous other community boards.

Tiffany and I have two adult sons, Kevin and Shawn, two daughters-in-law, Taylor and Allison, and two grandchildren, Sawyer and Coleman. We reside in Brenham, where I have lived all my life. My family and I enjoy hunting and the outdoors.

I take special interest in tax efficiency planning and helping individuals and families plan for retirement and protect their estates, which is an increasingly difficult challenge today. I am committed to giving back to this wonderful community, which has been very good to me.

Million Dollar Round Table is an industry honor based on sales excellence, outstanding client service, ethical conduct and professional knowledge.

Barney Loesch, CFP®, ChFC®, CLU®, FIC
Financial Advisor
Brenham, Texas office

I have been a financial advisor with Thrivent for about 20 years, but I've been around the company my entire life. I'm a second-generation Thrivent financial advisor; my dad, Robert, began working with Thrivent in the 1970s and helped make Thrivent a household name in Washington County. I always admired the company and, being so much like my dad, I decided to give Thrivent a try as my first career after graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University in 2002.

At first, I wasn't so sure how I'd fare in the business; after a few months of watching my dad do what he did to be successful, I didn't think I was up to the challenge. Luckily, we had a strong team of financial advisors in the Brenham office, and I gravitated more toward working with Ray Weiss. Ray and I had very similar views on how we wanted to run and operate our business, putting God, our families and our clients first in everything we do. Our practice has grown by leaps and bounds, and even after 20 years I'm having more fun and helping more people than I ever imagined.

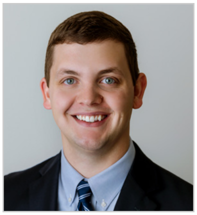
My family life has been a blessing, too. I met my wife, Ashley, in 2005 and we married in 2007. While we had trouble starting a family, by the grace of God we welcomed our first daughter, Sophia Grace, into our lives in 2012. A second daughter, Sabrina Faith, came into our lives in 2018 and I couldn't imagine a day without any of them.

Sarah Hamlen, CEPA, FIC
Financial Advisor
White Sulphur Springs, Montana office

I am a financial advisor based in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, and have been with Thrivent for since 2015. I love helping people develop financial strategies, and my passion is for helping small businesses and agricultural enterprises develop succession plans or transition strategies. I also love that both our Brenham, Texas, office and the office in White Sulphur Springs serve rural communities.

After high school in Townsend, Montana, I graduated magna cum laude with my bachelor's degree in business marketing and administration from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. I was also fortunate to study at a National Collegiate Honors program in New York City and at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. I carry a master's degree in agricultural education from Montana State University and am a Chartered Financial Consultant.

I have been married to my husband, Marc, for more than 20 years. We are proud to be raising two girls who love their horses and take their 4-H projects seriously. We love the outdoors and are proud to call Montana home. I love that I can serve God and others through my work.



Shawn Weiss, CFP®

Financial Advisor

Brenham, Texas office

I'm a financial advisor in the heart of Brenham. I began my career at Thrivent as a part-time financial associate. In 2018, I graduated from Texas A&M University and became a financial advisor full time. I earned my CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification in 2021. My days are dedicated to helping individuals and families secure their financial futures by bringing a wealth of expertise to the table. But life is more than just numbers and investments—it's about the people we love and the passions that make it all worthwhile.

At home, I wear the hats of a husband to Allison and proud father to our son, Coleman. Beyond the world of finance, you'll find me immersed in the things I love. I'm a die-hard college football fan, praying that one day the Aggies will get it figured out. Nature has a special place in my heart, too. Whether it's teeing off on a golf course with friends or embarking on a hunting trip, I find solace and inspiration in the great outdoors. It's my way of stepping back, recharging and appreciating the simple joys of life.

In Brenham, I'm not just your financial advisor—I'm a community member who understands the importance of balancing financial responsibility with the pleasures that make life rich and fulfilling. Let's navigate your financial journey together, ensuring a secure future while savoring the moments that truly matter.

Casey Henly

Financial Advisor

Brenham, Texas office

Helping has always been a passion of mine. Growing up in the world of agriculture it has become second nature. I spent eight years after graduating from Texas A&M in the animal health and nutrition space, working with cattle and horse operators. I have since found a new calling in the financial services space, continuing to provide assistance to clients in a different capacity.

I truly enjoy sitting down with new clients, developing a plan and watching those plans turn into progress year over year. Providing individuals and businesses a plan for the future using holistic financial advice is what we strive for. Our family-based approach is what makes us look forward to being a part of your story.

I am originally from San Augustine, a small East Texas town. I have a wonderful wife, Haley, and three lovely daughters, Brooke, Quinn and Reese. We have lived in Brenham since 2015 and have become involved in the community at First United Methodist church and other local organizations. Other passions of mine include raising cattle and CrossFit.