

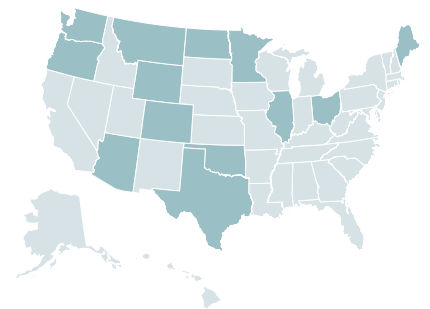
Striving to do what is right for our clients



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

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



Our team serves clients nationally and is licensed in:

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| AZ | OH |
| CO | OK |
| IL | OR |
| ME | TX |
| MN | WA |
| MT | WY |
| ND | |

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Let's connect

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Friday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Daily: Noon to 1 pm

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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 80 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.



Our team



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

I have provided individuals, families and businesses with estate and retirement planning opportunities for the past 41 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, 17 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 four grandchildren, Sawyer, Coleman, Emersyn and Graham. 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, Wealth 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, ChFC®, FIC, CEPA, Financial Advisor
White Sulphur Springs, Montana office

I am a financial advisor based in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, and have been with Thrivent 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®, Wealth Advisor

Brenham, Texas office

I'm a Wealth Advisor based in Brenham, working with individuals and families to simplify the financial side of life. My focus is helping clients make thoughtful decisions around their investments, retirement, and long-term goals so they can move forward with confidence.

I believe good planning starts with strong relationships. I take time to understand what's important to each client and build a plan that's clear, flexible, and aligned with where they want to go—not just today, but over time.

I'm a proud graduate and lifelong supporter of Texas A&M, and you'll usually find me following Aggie football in the fall. Outside of work, I enjoy golfing, hunting, and spending time with my wife, Allison, and our two sons, Coleman and Graham.



Evan Schroeder, Associate

Brenham, Texas office

I am a financial professional with Thrivent and a member of Five Star Financial Group in Brenham, Texas. I earned my Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in wealth management from Southern Arkansas University and went on to complete my Master of Business Administration degree to further strengthen my foundation in financial planning and client service.

I was raised in Brenham, which I am proud to once again call home. Serving the same community that helped shape who I am today is something I value deeply. I work with individuals, families and business owners to help them make thoughtful financial decisions, with a focus on long-term planning, retirement strategies and building financial confidence.

Outside of work, I enjoy staying active by coaching 11U baseball, hunting and watching football. Faith, family and service are central to my life, and I am committed to giving back to the community that has given so much to me.

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