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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 18, 2007

#### SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-12669** (Commission File Number)

**57-0799315** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

520 Gervais Street Columbia, South Carolina

29201

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

#### (800) 277-2175

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

### **Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 18, 2007, SCBT Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2006, along with certain other financial information. A copy of SCBT Financial Corporation's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Any Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements included in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including information incorporated by reference herein) which are not historical in nature are intended to be, and are hereby identified as, forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provided by Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. SCBT Financial Corporation cautions readers that forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from forecasted results. Such risks and uncertainties, include, among others, the following possibilities: (1) credit risk associated with an obligor's failure to meet the terms of any contract with the bank or otherwise fail to perform as agreed; (2) interest risk involving the effect of a change in interest rates on both the bank's earnings and the market value of the portfolio equity; (3) liquidity risk affecting the bank's ability to meet its obligations when they come due; (4) price risk focusing on changes in market factors that may affect the value of traded instruments in "mark-to-market" portfolios; (5) transaction risk arising from problems with service or product delivery; (6) compliance risk involving risk to earnings or capital resulting from violations of or nonconformance with laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices, or ethical standards; (7) strategic risk resulting from adverse business decisions or improper implementation of business decisions; and (8) reputation risk that adversely affects earnings or capital arising from negative public opinion; and (9) terrorist activities risk that results in loss of consumer confidence and economic disruptions.

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

#### Exhibit No. Description

Press release issued by the Corporation in connection with announcement

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION** 

(Registrant)

Date:  $\frac{\text{January } 18}{2007}$ 

/s/ Richard C. Mathis

Richard C. Mathis Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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