

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FINDLAY DAVID M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CFO

2828 E. PRESTWICK RD  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

WINNIE LAKE, IN 46590

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        |          | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|----------|--|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount | Price    |  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2011                           | ^  | J4 <sup>(1)</sup>              | A   | 362    | \$ 22.37 | 7,227  | I  | 401(k) Plan   |
| Common Stock                    | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^   | ^      | ^        | 30,300   | D  | ^   |
| Common Stock                    | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^   | ^      | ^        | 2,000  | I  | By Spouse   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                           | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date           |   |                            |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Â   | 02/05/2012   | 02/05/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock  | 7,848                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>      | \$ 0   | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Â   | 03/15/2012   | 03/15/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock  | 7,920                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Â   | 02/01/2013   | 02/01/2013 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock  | 6,000                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Â   | 02/01/2014   | 02/01/2014 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock  | 8,000                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 17.185  | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Â   | 12/09/2008   | 12/09/2013                | Common Stock  | 10,000                     |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 24.05   | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â   | Â   | 05/14/2013   | 05/14/2018                | Common Stock  | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| FINDLAY DAVID M<br>2828 E. PRESTWICK RD<br>WINNIE LAKE, IN 46590 | Â             | Â         | Â President & CFO | Â     |

## Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/10/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Salary redirection to 401(k) plan for 2011.
  - (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
  - (3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.
  - (4) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.

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