

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FINDLAY DAVID M
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

2828 E. PRESTWICK RD
 (Street)

WINONA LAKE, IN 46590
 (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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2016	^	J ⁽¹⁾	489	A	\$ 33.95	22,221	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	109,775	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	3,000	I	By Spouse

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(3) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

(4) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.

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