

CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 2011

**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

February 17, 2011

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**Cadence Financial Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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(State or Other Jurisdiction

(Commission

(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**301 East Main Street Starkville, Mississippi 39759**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (662) 324-4258**

N/A

(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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On February 17, 2011, Cadence Financial Corporation ( Cadence ), issued a press release announcing that L.F. Mallory, Jr., Chairman and CEO of Cadence, plans to retire effective immediately following the consummation of the sale of Cadence to Community Bancorp LLC ( CBC ) through a merger transaction. Following Mr. Mallory s retirement, Mark Abernathy, Cadence s President, is expected to be elected CEO and Paul B. Murphy, Jr., CBC s President, is expected to be elected Chairman of the Board. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Document Description</b>           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1                  | Press Release dated February 17, 2011 |

**Forward Looking Statements**

This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, predictions, forecasts, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as anticipate, believes, can, could, may, predicts, potential, should, will, estimate, plans, projects, continuing, ongoing, expects, intends and similar phrases. Accordingly, these statements are only predictions and involve estimates, known and unknown risks, assumptions and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in them. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements, including as a result of factors outside CBC s or Cadence s control, such as economic and other conditions in the markets in which CBC and Cadence operate; inability to complete the merger; managements ability to effectively execute their respective business plans, including any changes in management or employees; regulatory enforcement actions to which Cadence is currently and may in the future be subject; changes in capital classification; changes in the economy affecting real estate values; inability to attract and retain deposits; changes in the level of non-performing assets and charge-offs; changes in the financial performance and/or condition of borrowers; inflation, interest rate, cost of funds, securities market and monetary fluctuations; changes in laws and regulations; and competition. All forward-looking statements are necessarily only estimates of future results, and there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from expectations, and, therefore, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

**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.

CADENCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: February 17, 2011

By: /s/ Richard T. Haston

Richard T. Haston

Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer

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