

SCBT FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
July 09, 2013

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): **July 9, 2013**

SCBT Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina
(State of Incorporation)

001-12669
Commission File Number

57-0799315
(IRS employer identification no.)

520 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina
(Address of principal executive offices)

29201
(Zip code)

(800) 277-2175

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 3, 2013, SCBT Financial Corporation (the “Company”) received regulatory approval from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to merge with First Financial Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“First Financial,” and such merger, the “Merger”), pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger between the Company and First Financial, dated as of February 19, 2013 (the “Merger Agreement”), and to thereby acquire First Federal Bank, a South Carolina banking corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of First Financial (“First Federal”). On July 2, 2013, the Company received regulatory approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for SCBT, a South Carolina banking corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“SCBT Bank”), to merge with First Federal, with SCBT Bank continuing as the surviving entity (the “Bank Merger”). As the Company previously received the necessary regulatory approvals for the Merger and the Bank Merger from the South Carolina State Board of Financial Institutions, all regulatory approvals required prior to the completion of the Merger have now been obtained.

Completion of the Merger remains subject to approval of the Merger Agreement by First Financial’s shareholders and the Company’s shareholders, as well as to customary closing conditions. Assuming such approvals are received and conditions are satisfied, the Company expects to complete the Merger on or about July 26, 2013.

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

Date: July 9, 2013

By: /s/ John C. Pollok

Name: John C. Pollok

Title: Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Chief Operating Officer

