

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2008

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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### FORM 8-K

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#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 23, 2008

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## Lakeland Financial Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Indiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
Of incorporation)

**0-11487**  
(Commission File Number)

**35-1559596**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

202 East Center Street, P.O. Box 1387, Warsaw, Indiana 46581-1387

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(574) 267-6144

(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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On December 23, 2008, Lakeland Financial Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has received preliminary approval from the U.S. Treasury Department to participate in the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) Capital Purchase Program. Additional information is provided in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits  
99.1 Press Release dated December 23, 2008

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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.

**LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

Dated: December 23, 2008  
David M. Findlay

By: /s/David M. Findlay

Chief Financial Officer