

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC
Form 8-K
February 22, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 and 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

February 17, 2006
Date of report (date of earliest event reported)

Raymond James Financial, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Florida
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9109
(Commission File Number)

59-1517485
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

880 Carillon Parkway St. Petersburg, FL 33702
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(727) 567-1000
(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 February 22, 2006, Raymond James Financial, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors authorized a three-for-two stock split in the form of a 50% stock dividend payable on March 22 to shareholders of record on March 8 and a quarterly cash dividend payable on April 19 to shareholders of record on April 3. Also included in the press release was the announcement that Hardwick Simmons, former chairman and CEO of the NASDAQ stock market, had been appointed by the Board as Lead Director. 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.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued on February 22, 2006

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.

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: February 22, 2006

By: /s/ Thomas A. James
Thomas A. James
Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer

By: /s/ Jeffrey P. Julien
Jeffrey P. Julien
Senior Vice President - Finance
and Chief Financial Officer

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