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RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC Form 8-K November 21, 2008

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

November 20, 2008 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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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

The Company made a press release regarding its application to participate in the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Purchase Program. That release is furnished as an exhibit to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following are filed as exhibits to this report:

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press release dated November 20, 2008 issued by Raymond James Financial, Inc. This exhibit is furnished and not filed.

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: November 21, 2008 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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