

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

April 12, 2017

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) April 12, 2017

Lakeland Financial Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana

0-11487

35-1559596

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer

Of incorporation)

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)

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 12, 2017 Lakeland Financial Corporation issued a news release announcing that on April 11, 2017, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Lakeland Financial Corporation (the "Company") declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.22 per share of Company common stock for the first quarter of 2017, payable on May 5, 2017, to shareholders of record as of April 25, 2017. The news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release issued by Lakeland Financial Corporation on April 12, 2017.

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: April 12, 2017 By: /s/Lisa M. O'Neill
Lisa M. O'Neill
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer