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PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP INC Form 8-K May 22, 2008

# 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) May 22, 2008

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation organization)

61-1206757 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2883 Fifth Avenue Huntington, West Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

25702 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (304) 525-1600

#### Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changes 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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#### PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC,

#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 22, 2008, Premier issued a press release announcing it will increase its quarter dividend by 10% and pay an \$0.11 per share cash dividend to its common stock shareholders. At its regularly scheduled May 21, 2008 meeting, the board of directors declared an \$0.11 per share dividend to common shareholders of record on June 16, 2008. The cash dividend will be paid to shareholders on June 30, 2008, the last business day of the quarter.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release dated May 22, 2008.

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.

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ Brien M. Chase Date: May 22, 2008 and Chief Financial Officer

Brien M. Chase, Senior Vice President

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## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number 99.1

Description
Press Release dated May 22, 2008
captioned "Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc.
Announces 10% Increase in Quarterly
Dividend."