

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 2011

**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) September 28, 2011 (September 26, 2011)  
Centrue Financial Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-28846

36-3145350

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

7700 Bonhomme Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

63105

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 505-5500

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On September 26, 2011, Centrue Financial Corporation (the Company ) announced the termination of employment with the Company and Centrue Bank of Executive Vice President/Senior Lender, James J. Kerley, Jr. effective immediately.

**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.

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/Kurt R. Stevenson  
Kurt R. Stevenson, President and Chief  
Executive Officer

Dated: September 28, 2011