PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP INC Form 8-K December 02, 2005

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) December 2, 2005

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

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

25702

(Zip Code)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation organization)

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

Registrant's telephone number (304) 525-1600

Not Applicable Former name or former address, if changes since last report)

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

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 2, 2005, Premier issued a press release announcing the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's (FRB) approval of Premier's request to pay the December 31, 2005 quarterly distribution of the Company's 9.75% Trust Preferred Securities payable to shareholders of record on December 15, 2005.

Under a previously disclosed Written Agreement entered into with the FRB on January 29, 2003, Premier is required to request approval for the payment ofquarterly distributions due on the Trust Preferred Securities.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release dated December 2, 2005.

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)

Date: December 2, 2005

<u>/s/ Brien M. Chase</u> Brien M. Chase, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number 99.1 Description Press Release dated December 2, 2005, captioned "Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc. Announces Approval of December Distribution on Trust Preferred Securities."