
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): October 31, 2008

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-51331
(Commission File No.)

75-3199276
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

15W060 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60527
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 894-6900

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - 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.

On October 30, 2008, BankFinancial Corporation (the “Company”) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.07 per share of its common stock. The dividend will be paid on December 5, 2008 to stockholders of record on November 12, 2008.

A copy of the press release announcing these items is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report. The information in the preceding paragraph, as well as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated October 30, 2008 |

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.

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Dated: October 31, 2008

By: /s/ F. Morgan Gasior
F. Morgan Gasior
Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****BankFinancial Corporation Declares Cash Dividend**

Burr Ridge, Illinois - (October 30, 2008) BankFinancial Corporation (Nasdaq – BFIN) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.07 per common share. The dividend will be payable on December 5, 2008 to stockholders of record on November 12, 2008.

BankFinancial Corporation is the holding company for BankFinancial, F.S.B., a full-service, community-oriented bank providing financial services to individuals, families and businesses through 18 full-service banking offices, located in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties, Illinois. At June 30, 2008, BankFinancial Corporation had total assets of \$1.457 billion, total loans of \$1.225 billion, total deposits of \$1.081 billion and stockholders' equity of \$288 million. BankFinancial Corporation became a publicly-traded company on June 24, 2005, and its common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol BFIN.

“Forward-looking statements” as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 may be included in this release. A variety of factors could cause BankFinancial Corporation’s actual results to differ from those expected at the time of this release. Investors are urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by BankFinancial Corporation in its periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the risk factors and other information disclosed in BankFinancial Corporation’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year. Copies of these filings are available at no cost on the SEC’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov> or on BankFinancial’s web site at <http://www.bankfinancial.com>.

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