

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP
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**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 3, 2012**

Chemical Financial Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as
Specified in its Charter)

Michigan
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-08185
(Commission
File Number)

38-2022454
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

235 E. Main Street
Midland, Michigan
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48640
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(989) 839-5350**

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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- 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))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Chemical Financial Corporation ("Chemical") will hold its annual meeting of shareholders on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. local time. At the meeting, the shareholders will (1) elect thirteen directors; (2) ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as Chemical's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2012; (3) cast an advisory vote on executive compensation; (4) approve the Chemical Financial Corporation Stock Incentive Plan of 2012; and (5) conduct any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Chemical is making this meeting accessible to the public by telephone on a listen-only basis. Anyone interested in the meeting may access the meeting on a live basis by dialing toll-free (800) 310-6649 and entering 419304 for the pass code.

This report is furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

Forward-Looking Statements

It is anticipated that some of the information presented at the annual meeting will contain forward-looking statements that are based on management's beliefs, assumptions, current expectations, estimates and projections about the financial services industry, the economy and Chemical. Words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "forecasts," "intends," "is likely," "judgment," "plans," "predicts," "projects," "should," "will," and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Such statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations and involve substantial risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements include, among others, statements related to real estate valuation, future levels of nonperforming loans, the rate of asset dispositions, future capital levels, future dividends, future growth and funding sources, future liquidity levels, future profitability levels, future deposit insurance premiums, the effects on earnings of future changes in interest rates and the future level of other revenue sources. All statements referencing future time periods are forward-looking. Management's determination of the provision and allowance for loan losses; the carrying value of acquired loans, goodwill and mortgage servicing rights; the fair value of investment securities (including whether any impairment on any investment security is temporary or other-than-temporary and the amount of any impairment); and management's assumptions concerning pension and other postretirement benefit plans involve judgments that are inherently forward-looking. There can be no assurance that future loan losses will be limited to the amounts estimated. All of the information concerning interest rate sensitivity is forward-looking. The future effect of changes in the financial and credit markets and the national and regional economy on the banking industry, generally, and on Chemical, specifically, are also inherently uncertain. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions ("risk factors") that are difficult to predict with regard to timing, extent, likelihood and degree of occurrence. Therefore, actual results and outcomes may materially differ from what may be expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. Chemical undertakes no obligation to update, amend or clarify forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Risk factors include, but are not limited to, the risk factors described in Item 1A in Chemical's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. These and other factors are representative of the risk factors that may emerge and could cause a difference between an ultimate actual outcome and a preceding forward-looking statement.

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.

Dated: April 3, 2012

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ Lori A. Gwizdala
Lori A. Gwizdala
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer