#### LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Ad FINDLAY D | *                    | ting Person * | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP<br>[LKFN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)   |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|--|
| (Last)<br>2828 E. PRES   | (First)              | (Middle)      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2008                                | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)   |
| WINNIE LA                | (Street) KE, IN 4659 | 90            | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City)                   | (State)              | (Zip)         | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc  | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) <b>Tabl</b>   | e I - Non-I                            | Derivative                              | Securi            | ities Acqu  | ired, Disposed of  | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>on(A) or Di<br>(Instr. 3, | sposed<br>4 and 3 | of (D)      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|                                      |   |   | Code V                                 | Amount                                  | or<br>(D)         | Price       | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 12/16/2008                              |   | M                                      | 20,433                                  | A                 | \$0         | 21,433   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 12/16/2008                              |   | S                                      | 11,104                                  | D                 | \$<br>20.89 | 10,329   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 12/16/2008                              |   | M                                      | 24,000                                  | A                 | \$ 0        | 34,329   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 12/16/2008                              |   | S                                      | 400                                     | D                 | \$ 20.9     | 33,929   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 12/16/2008                              |   | S                                      | 115                                     | D                 | \$<br>20.92 | 33,814   | D  |   |

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| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 6,478 | D | \$ 21.7     | 27,336 | D |                |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|----------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 400   | D | \$<br>21.78 | 26,936 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 304   | D | \$<br>21.71 | 26,632 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 200   | D | \$<br>21.83 | 26,432 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 108   | D | \$<br>21.74 | 26,324 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 100   | D | \$<br>21.82 | 26,224 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 100   | D | \$<br>21.81 | 26,124 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 100   | D | \$ 21.8     | 26,024 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 8     | D | \$<br>21.75 | 26,016 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 8     | D | \$<br>21.73 | 26,008 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock | 12/16/2008 | S | 8     | D | \$<br>21.72 | 26,000 | D |                |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |             | 5,204  | I | 401(k)<br>Plan |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |             | 2,000  | I | By Spouse      |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Titl<br>Derive<br>Securi<br>(Instr. | ative ity 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |              |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   |  | Title   |

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|                                       |           |            |   |        | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date |                 | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|---|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 6.75   | 12/16/2008 | M | 20,433 | 09/05/2005          | 09/05/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 20,433                              |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 6.8125 | 12/16/2008 | M | 24,000 | 01/09/2006          | 01/09/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 24,000                              |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 8.125  |            |   |        | 12/11/2006          | 12/11/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 6,000                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 17.185 |            |   |        | 12/09/2008          | 12/09/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 10,000                              |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 24.05  |            |   |        | 05/14/2013          | 05/14/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 10,000                              |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Owner Maine / Address |               |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FINDLAY DAVID M 2828 E. PRESTWICK RD WINNIE LAKE, IN 46590

Executive Vice president

## **Signatures**

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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