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RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL INC Form 8-K August 25, 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

August 25, 2011
Date of report (date of earliest event reported)

Raymond James Financial, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Florida (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-9109 (Commission File Number) 59-1517485 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

880 Carillon Parkway St. Petersburg, FL 33716 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(727) 567-1000 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

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- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 25, 2011, Raymond James Financial, Inc. ("the Company") issued a press release to announce that the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common shares of \$.13 per share payable on October 18, 2011 to the shareholders of record on October 3, 2011; increased by \$21 million the amount authorized to fund open market repurchases of its common stock and senior notes; and, approved a \$7.5 million prefunding of a portion of the Company's expected annual contribution to its employee stock ownership plan.

The information furnished herein, including Exhibit 99.1, is not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This information will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following is filed as an exhibit to this report:

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press release dated August 25, 2011, issued by Raymond James Financial, Inc.

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.

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: August 25, 2011 By: /s/ Jeffrey P. Julien

Jeffrey P. Julien

Executive Vice President -

Finance

and Chief Financial Officer