

**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): **May 6, 2011**

First Financial Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware

State or other jurisdiction of incorporation

0-17122

Commission File Number

57-0866076

I.R.S. Employer I.D. number

2440 Mall Drive, Charleston, South Carolina 29406

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number (including area code): **(843) 529-5933**

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

- 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-4c under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 7 -- Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

First Financial Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) (Nasdaq: FFCH), announced that CEO R. Wayne Hall and CFO Blaise Bettendorf will present at the Gulf South 2011 Bank Conference on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Section 9 -- Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit (99.1) Press release of First Financial Holdings, Inc. dated May 6, 2011.

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.

FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC

/s/ Blaise B. Bettendorf

Blaise B. Bettendorf
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release of First Financial Holdings, Inc. dated May 6, 2011.

FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

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FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC. CEO and CFO TO PRESENT AT THE GULF SOUTH 2011 BANK CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, May 6, 2011 – First Financial Holdings, Inc. (“Company”) (NASDAQ: FFCH) CEO R. Wayne Hall and CFO Blaise Bettendorf will present at the Gulf South 2011 Bank Conference on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. E.D.T. The presentation will be broadcast on the Company’s website at www.firstfinancialholdings.com.

About First Financial

First Financial Holdings, Inc. (“First Financial”, NASDAQ: FFCH) is a premier financial services provider offering integrated financial solutions, including personal, business, wealth management, and insurance. First Financial serves individuals and businesses throughout coastal South Carolina, as well as the Florence, Columbia, and upstate regions of South Carolina and Burlington, and Wilmington, North Carolina. First Financial subsidiaries include: First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Charleston (“First Federal”); First Southeast Insurance Services, Inc., an insurance agency; Kimbrell Insurance Group, Inc., a managing general insurance agency; First Southeast 401(k) Fiduciaries, Inc., a registered investment advisor; and First Southeast Investor Services, Inc., a registered broker-dealer. First Federal is the largest financial institution headquartered in the Charleston, South Carolina metropolitan area and the third largest financial institution headquartered in South Carolina, based on asset size. Additional information about First Financial is available at www.firstfinancialholdings.com.