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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) October 4, 2004

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina	001-12669	57-079935
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
520 Gervais Street Columbia, South Carolina		29201-3046
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (800) 277-2175

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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- [] 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 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

C. John Hipp, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of SCBT Financial Corporation, has stated via a Form 144 filing his intention to sell 4,000 shares of SCBT Financial Corporation common stock before the end of 2004. Mr. Hipp expects to sell a similar number of shares in each of the following three years in order to retire certain loan or debt service obligations and for estate planning purposes.

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Statements included in this Current Report on Form 8-K that are not historical in nature are intended to be, and are hereby identified as, forward looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provided by Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

October 4, 2004

SCBT Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Richard C. Mathis

Richard C. Mathis Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer