PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP INC Form 8-K February 10, 2009

## 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) February 10, 2009

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation organization)

2883 Fifth Avenue Huntington, West Virginia (Address of principal executive offices) 61-1206757 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 25702 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (304) 525-1600

Not Applicable Former name or former address, if changes since last report)

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#### PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC,

#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 10, 2009, Premier issued a press release regarding its financial results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2008. The full text of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release dated February 10, 2009.

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.

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ Brien M. Chase Date: February 10, 2009 and Chief Financial Officer

Brien M. Chase, SeniorVice President

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number 99.1 Description Press Release dated February 10, 2009 captioned "Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc. Announces Record Annual Earnings."