

META FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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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 22, 2006**

Meta Financial Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

0-22140
(Commission File
Number)

42-1406262
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

121 East Fifth Street, Storm Lake, IA 50588
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(712) 732-4117**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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On May 22, 2006, the Registrant issued the attached press release announcing declaration of a cash dividend for the third quarter of its Fiscal Year 2006.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are being furnished herewith:

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated May 22, 2006.

SIGNATURE

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.

META FINANCIAL
GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Jonathan M. Gaiser
Jonathan M. Gaiser
Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 22, 2006

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Description of Exhibit

99.1

Registrant's Press Release dated May 22, 2006.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Investor Relations

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META FINANCIAL GROUP DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND

(Storm Lake, Iowa - May 22, 2006) Meta Financial Group, Inc. (NASDAQNM:CASH) announced that the Company will pay a cash dividend of \$0.13 per share for the third fiscal quarter of 2006. This dividend will be payable on or about July 3, 2006 to shareholders of record as of June 15, 2006.

At March 31, 2006, Meta Financial Group had assets of \$745.4 million and shareholders' equity of \$42.0 million.

Corporate Profile: Meta Financial Group, Inc. [®] (doing business as Meta Financial Group) is the holding company for MetaBank, MetaBank West Central, and Meta Trust Company [®]. MetaBank is a federally-chartered savings bank with four market areas: Northwest Iowa Market, Brookings Market, Central Iowa Market, Sioux Empire Market; and the Meta Payment Systems [®] prepaid debit card division. MetaBank West Central is a state-chartered commercial bank in the West Central Iowa Market. Eighteen offices support customers throughout northwest and central Iowa, and in Brookings and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Company, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, MetaBank, MetaBank WC, and Meta Trust Company may from time to time make written or oral "forward-looking statements," including statements contained in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in its reports to shareholders, and in other communications by the Company, which are made in good faith by the Company pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

These forward-looking statements include statements with respect to the Company's beliefs, expectations, estimates and intentions that are subject to significant risks and uncertainties, and are subject to change based on various factors, some of which are beyond the Company's control. Such statements address the following subjects: future operating results; customer growth and retention; loan and other product demand; earnings growth and expectations; new products and services, such as those offered by the Meta Payment Systems Division; credit quality and adequacy of reserves; technology; and our employees. The following factors, among others, could cause the Company's financial performance to differ materially from the expectations, estimates, and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements: the strength of the United States economy in general and the strength of the local economies in which the Company conducts operations; the effects of, and changes in, trade, monetary, and fiscal policies and laws, including interest rate policies of the Federal Reserve Board; inflation, interest rate, market, and monetary fluctuations; the timely development of and acceptance of new products and services of the Company and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users; the impact of changes in financial services' laws and regulations; technological changes; acquisitions; changes in consumer spending and saving habits; and the success of the Company at managing and collecting assets of borrowers in default and managing the risks involved in the foregoing.

The foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. Additional discussion of factors affecting the Company's business and prospects is contained in the Company's periodic filings with the SEC. The Company does not undertake, and expressly disclaims any intent or obligation, to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.