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

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**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 28, 2012**

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**Meta Financial Group, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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))
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## **Section 8 – Other Events**

### **Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 28, 2012, the Registrant issued the attached press release announcing declaration of a cash dividend for the second quarter of its fiscal year 2012.

## **Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

(d) Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are being furnished herewith:

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated February 28, 2012.

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**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/ David W Leedom

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David W. Leedom  
Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 28, 2012

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For Immediate Release  
Lisa Binder, Investor Relations  
712.749.7535

### **META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. ® DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND**

(Storm Lake, Iowa – February 28, 2012) Meta Financial Group, Inc. ® (the “Company”) (NASDAQ: CASH) announced that the Company will pay a cash dividend of \$0.13 per share for the second fiscal quarter of 2012. This dividend will be payable on or about April 1, 2012 to shareholders of record as of March 12, 2012.

At December 31, 2011, the Company had total assets of \$1.4 billion and shareholders’ equity of \$85.6 million.

This press release and other important information about the Company are available at [www.metafinancialgroup.com](http://www.metafinancialgroup.com).

Corporate Profile: Meta Financial Group, Inc. ®, (“Meta Financial” or the “Company”) is the holding company for its wholly-owned subsidiary, MetaBank <sup>TM</sup> (the “Bank”). 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 card division. Twelve retail banking offices and one administrative office support customers throughout northwest and central Iowa, and in Brookings and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Company and the Bank, may from time to time make written or oral “forward-looking statements,” including statements contained in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), in its reports to stockholders, 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, among others, the following subjects: future operating results; customer retention; loan and other product demand; important components of the Company’s balance sheet and income statements; growth and expansion; new products and services, such as those offered by MetaBank or Meta Payment Systems (MPS), a division of the Bank; 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, as well as efforts of the United States Treasury in conjunction with bank regulatory agencies to stimulate the economy and protect the financial system; inflation, interest rate, market, and monetary fluctuations; the timely development of and acceptance of new products and services offered by the Company as well as risks (including reputational and litigation) attendant thereto and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users; the risks of dealing with or utilizing third-party vendors; the scope of restrictions and compliance requirements imposed by the supervisory directives and/or the Consent Orders entered into by the Company and the Bank with the Office of Thrift Supervision and any other such actions which may be initiated; the impact of changes in financial services’ laws and regulations, including but not limited to our relationship with our new regulators, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve; technological changes, including but not limited to the protection of electronic files or databases; acquisitions; litigation risk in general, including but not limited to those risks involving MPS; the growth of the Company’s business as well as expenses related thereto; changes in consumer spending and saving habits; and the success of the Company at managing and collecting assets of borrowers in default.

The foregoing list of factors is not exclusive. Additional discussions of factors affecting the Company’s business and prospects are contained in the Company’s periodic filings with the SEC. The Company 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 or its subsidiaries.