### 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 16, 2012

C&F FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 000-23423 (Commission File Number) 54-1680165 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

802 Main Street, West Point, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices) 23181 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (804) 843-2360

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

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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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4c under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4c)

## Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 16, 2012, C&F Financial Corporation issued a news release announcing the board of directors' declaration of a cash dividend payable July 1, 2012. A copy of the company's news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference into this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>99.1</u> C&F Financial Corporation news release dated May 16, 2012

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## 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.

# C&F FINANCIAL CORPORATION REGISTRANT

Date: May 17, 2012

By:

/s/ Thomas F. Cherry Thomas F. Cherry Chief Financial Officer

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