

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 24, 2012

**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) January 24, 2012 (January 19, 2012)**

**Centrue Financial Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**0-28846**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-3145350**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**7700 Bonhomme Avenue**

**St. Louis, Missouri**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**63105**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 505-5500**

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Centrue Financial Corporation (the Company) announced the appointment of James Chris Jones as Executive Vice President/Chief Lending Officer of Centrue Bank, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, effective January 19, 2012. Mr. Jones most recently was employed by Champion Bank and BankLiberty in St. Louis, Missouri where he focused primarily on loan workouts. Prior to that, Mr. Jones spent over 32 years with Bank of America Corporation and was a Senior Vice President and Senior Credit Executive when he retired in 2008. The Company's news release with respect to Mr. Jones is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

News Release, dated January 19, 2012 issued by Centrue Bank

**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.

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Kurt R. Stevenson  
Kurt R. Stevenson, President and Chief Executive  
Officer

Dated: January 24, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|
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