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Registration Statement No. 333-155208

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 3

ON

FORM S-3

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FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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South Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

57-0799315 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

520 Gervais Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

(800) 277-2175

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

Robert R. Hill, Jr.

520 Gervais Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

(803) 765-1017

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

With a Copy to:

Neil E. Grayson

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: This post-effective amendment deregisters those securities that remain unsold hereunder as of the date hereof.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box. o

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Accelerated filer x Smaller reporting company o

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 on Form S-3 to Form S-1 amends the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-155208) originally filed by SCBT Financial Corporation (the Company) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on November 7, 2008, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 on Form S-3 to Form S-1filed with the Commission on March 11, 2009 and March 13, 2009, respectively (collectively, the Registration Statement), covering the sale by certain shareholders of up to 1,010,000 shares of common stock of the Company.

The shares of common stock covered by the Registration Statement were issued on October 28, 2008 and are no longer required to be registered under the Registration Statement. As a result, the Company hereby removes from registration any of the remaining registered but unsold shares of common stock of the Company under the Registration Statement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Columbia, State of South Carolina, as of March 12, 2012.

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Richard C. Mathis Richard C. Mathis Executive Vice President and Treasurer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated as of March 12, 2012.

Signature		Title
Robert R. Hill, Jr.	*	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Donald E. Pickett Donald E. Pickett		Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
/s/ Keith S. Rainwater Keith S. Rainwater		Senior Vice President and Director of External Reporting (Principal Accounting Officer)
Robert R. Horger	*	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Jimmy E. Addison	*	Director
Luther J. Battiste, III	*	Director
M. Oswald Fogle	*	Director
	*	Director

Harry M. Mims, Jr.

Ralph W. Norman	*	Director
Alton C. Phillips	*	Director
James W. Roquemore	*	Director
Thomas E. Suggs	*	Director
Susie H. VanHuss	*	Director
John W. Williamson, III	*	Director
*By:	/s/ Richard C. Mathis Richard C. Mathis (Attorney In Fact)	