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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20529

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-12669

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan

950 John C. Calhoun Drive, S. E.

Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

SCBT FINANCIAL CORPORATION

520 Gervais Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan

Financial Statements with Supplementary Information

December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the Year Ended December 31, 2009

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Participants and Trustees of the

SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan

Columbia, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) at December 31, 2009 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan s management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Dixon Hughes, PLLC

Charlotte, North Carolina

June 25, 2010

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SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2009 and 2008

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash | \$ 196 | \$ |
| Investments, at fair value: | | |
| Money market funds | 4,238,675 | 4,204,108 |
| Mutual funds | 16,856,672 | 10,910,671 |
| SCBT Financial Corporation stock | 2,941,617 | 3,254,279 |
| Total investments | 24,036,964 | 18,369,058 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Employer's contribution | 325,273 | 1,529,862 |
| Participants' contributions | 71,469 | 62,599 |
| Total receivables | 396,742 | 1,592,461 |
| Total assets | 24,433,902 | 19,961,519 |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ 24,433,902 | \$ 19,961,519 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2009

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to: | |
| Investment income: | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | \$ 2,683,033 |
| Interest | 22,092 |
| Dividends | 420,798 |
| Total investment income | 3,125,923 |
| Contributions: | |
| Employer s | 325,836 |
| Participants | 2,234,384 |
| Rollovers | 58,669 |
| Total contributions | 2,618,889 |
| Total additions | 5,744,812 |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to: | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 1,246,848 |
| Administrative expenses | 25,581 |
| Total deductions | 1,272,429 |
| Net increase | 4,472,383 |
| Net assets available for benefits: | |
| Balance, beginning of year | 19,961,519 |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 24,433,902 |

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SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 Description of Plan

The following description of the SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

General:

The Plan is a contributory defined contribution plan covering all employees of SCBT, N.A. (the Company), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCBT Financial Corporation, and all affiliates of the Company who are age twenty-one or older. On December 8, 2008, the Plan was amended to change the name of the Plan from South Carolina Bank and Trust Employees Savings Plan to reflect a change in the name of the Company during 2008. The Company s employees can enter the Plan on the first day of each month after meeting eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The custodian of the Plan is Wilmington Trust Company and the Plan allows participants an expanded choice of investment options for retirement savings.

Contributions:

Each year, participants may contribute up to 50% of pretax annual base compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified retirement plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Previously, the Company was contributing to the Plan based on a fixed matching formula. For employees who had attained the age of 45 and had at least five vesting years of service as of January 1, 2006, the Company contributed 50% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan up to a maximum matching contribution of 3% of base compensation. For employees who had not attained the age of 45 or had less than five vesting years of service as of January 1, 2006, the Company contributed 100% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributed. For employees hired on or after January 1, 2006, the Company contributed 100% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributed. On April 28, 2009 the Plan was amended to eliminate the fixed matching contribution formula and to provide for a discretionary matching contribution formula which became effective on April 1, 2009. The Company temporarily suspended its matching contribution effective April 1, 2009.

Prior to April of 2009, the Company automatically enrolled new employees and deferred 2% of his or her salary within the Plan if he or she did not elect to defer his or her salary by the election date. Effective April 1, 2009, automatic enrollment into the Plan was suspended.

Effective January 1, 2010 the Company reinstated its matching contribution at 50% of the first 4% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan up to a maximum matching contribution of 2% of base compensation. Employer contributions may be made annually from current or accumulated net profits. Both employer and employee contributions are subject to certain limitations based on the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the Company's matching contribution, and allocations of plan earnings. Each participant's account is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on account balances, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

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Note 1 Description of Plan (continued)

Vesting:

Participants' accounts are immediately vested in their contributions plus the related earnings.

Employer matching contributions for the accounts of participants hired before January 1, 2006 are fully vested. The following vesting schedule applies for employer matching contributions for participants hired on or after January 1, 2006:

| Years of Service | Vested Percentage |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Less than 2 | 0% |
| 2 | 25% |
| 3 | 50% |
| 4 | 75% |
| 5 or more | 100% |

A three-year cliff vesting schedule would be in effect for those participants hired on or after January 1, 2006 if the Plan were to become categorized as top-heavy. An employee must complete at least 1,000 hours of service during a vesting computation period to receive credit for a year of service. The Plan measures a year of service on the basis of the 12-consecutive month period of the Plan year.

Forfeitures:

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$18,037 and \$0, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce the employer contribution. During 2009, forfeitures of \$35,762 were used to offset the 2009 employer contributions.

Payment of benefits:

On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement, or other reasons, a participant may leave the funds in the Plan or receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her account.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition:

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 7 for discussion of fair value measurements.

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of SCBT Financial Corporation stock (not to exceed 50% of participant's account balance), mutual funds, or money market funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, liquidity, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will change in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Investment income includes unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments.

Payment of Benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 Related Party Transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of SCBT Financial Corporation common stock formerly held by the Plan sponsor's trust department. The Plan held common shares of SCBT Financial Corporation of 106,237 shares valued at \$2,941,617 and 94,307 shares valued at \$3,254,279 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. No fees were paid by the Plan to the trust department for the year ended December 31, 2009. Dividends received from SCBT Financial Corporation common stock totaled \$70,934 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Note 4 Plan Termination

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

Note 5 Tax Status

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The Plan has not obtained a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stating that the Plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan is relying on the IRS approval of the standardized prototype plan that it is utilizing. The IRS has determined and informed the third-party administrator by a letter dated March 31, 2008, that the prototype plan document was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since the IRS approval letter of the standardized prototype plan, however the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the plan administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax exempt as of December 31, 2009.

Note 6 Plan Operating Costs

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the plan document. Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No such employee receives compensation from the Plan.

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Note 7 Fair Value Measurements

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. FASB ASC 820 clarifies that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions.

FASB ASC 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;

Level 2 Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

Following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets recorded at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis.

SCBT Financial Corporation common stock is valued on a recurring basis at quoted market prices where available. The common stock is classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Mutual Funds are public investment vehicles valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market and classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Money Market Funds are public investment vehicles valued using \$1 for the NAV. The money market funds are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

The following presents investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets:

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| | December 31, | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| SCBT Financial Corporation common stock, 106,237 and 94,307 shares, respectively | \$ 2,941,617 | \$ 3,254,279 |
| Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund, 4,238,929 and 4,203,172 shares, respectively | 4,238,675 | 4,204,108 |
| Harbor Bond Fund, 227,282 and 217,052 shares, respectively | 2,759,202 | 2,454,719 |
| American Funds Growth Fund of America R5, 129,303 and 107,248 shares, respectively | 3,527,395 | 2,204,440 |
| American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund Class R5, 59,128 and 46,660 shares, respectively | 2,263,430 | 1,305,712 |
| Vanguard Index 500 Signal Fund, 46,863 and 38,785 shares, respectively | 3,974,489 | 2,665,272 |

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Note 7 Fair Value (continued)

During 2009, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

| | Year Ended December 31, 2009 |
|---|---|
| Mutual funds | \$ 3,299,446 |
| SCBT Financial Corporation - common stock | (616,413) |
| Net appreciation | \$ 2,683,033 |

Table of Contents**Note 7 Fair Value (continued)**

The table below presents the recorded amount of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

| | Fair Value December 31, 2009 | Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|--|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Mutual funds: | | | | |
| Growth funds | \$ 7,445,884 | \$ 7,445,884 | \$ | \$ |
| Index funds | 3,974,489 | 3,974,489 | | |
| Fixed income funds | 2,759,202 | 2,759,202 | | |
| Equity income funds | 1,051,083 | 1,051,083 | | |
| Value fund | 658,828 | 658,828 | | |
| Core fund | 967,186 | 967,186 | | |
| Total mutual funds | 16,856,672 | 16,856,672 | | |
| Money market funds | 4,238,675 | | 4,238,675 | |
| Common stock - SCBT Financial Corporation | 2,941,617 | 2,941,617 | | |
| Total investments | \$ 24,036,964 | \$ 19,798,289 | \$ 4,238,675 | \$ |

| | Fair Value December 31, 2008 | Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|--|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Mutual funds: | | | | |
| Growth funds | \$ 4,327,487 | \$ 4,327,487 | \$ | \$ |
| Index funds | 2,665,272 | 2,665,272 | | |
| Fixed income funds | 2,454,719 | 2,454,719 | | |
| Value fund | 960,472 | 960,472 | | |
| Core fund | 502,721 | 502,721 | | |
| Total mutual funds | 10,910,671 | 10,910,671 | | |
| Money market funds | 4,204,108 | | 4,204,108 | |
| Common stock - SCBT Financial Corporation | 3,254,279 | 3,254,279 | | |
| Total investments | \$ 18,369,058 | \$ 14,164,950 | \$ 4,204,108 | \$ |

Note 8 Subsequent Events

Effective January 1, 2010 the Company reinstated its matching contribution at 50% of the first 4% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan up to a maximum matching contribution of 2% of base compensation.

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Supplementary Information

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SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan

EIN 57-0219408

Plan No. 002

Schedule H, Line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2009

| (a) | (b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | (c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value | (d) Cost | (e) Current Value |
|-----|---|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| * | SCBT Financial Corporation | 106,237 common shares | ** | \$ 2,941,617 |
| | American Funds | Growth Fund of America R5, 129,303 shares | ** | 3,527,395 |
| | American Funds | EuroPacific Growth Fund Class R5, 59,128 shares | ** | 2,263,430 |
| | Baron Funds | Baron Asset Fund, 11,163 shares | ** | 515,839 |
| | Columbia Management | Columbia Acorn USA Fund, 49,125 shares | ** | 1,139,220 |
| | Columbia Management | Columbia Dividend Income Fund, 88,699 shares | ** | 1,051,083 |
| | Diamond Hill Funds | Diamond Hill Small Cap Fund, 45,386 shares | ** | 967,186 |
| | Goldman Sachs | Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value A Fund, 22,734 shares | ** | 658,828 |
| | Harbor Funds | Harbor Bond Fund, 227,282 shares | ** | 2,759,202 |
| | Vanguard | Prime Money Market Fund | ** | 4,238,675 |
| | Vanguard | Index 500 Signal Fund, 46,863 shares | ** | 3,974,489 |
| | | | | \$ 24,036,964 |

* Indicates a party in interest

** The cost of participant-directed investments is not required to be disclosed.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the plan investment committee members have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SCBT N.A. Employees Savings Plan
(Name of Plan)

Date: June 25, 2010

/s/ Richard C. Mathis
Richard C. Mathis
SCBT Investment Committee

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Exhibit Index

| Exhibit No. | Description | Location |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm | Filed herewith |