

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 14, 2001

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report: September 14, 2001  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**Chemical Financial Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as  
Specified in its Charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**000-08185**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-2022454**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**333 E. Main Street**  
**Midland, Michigan**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**48640**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code: **(989) 839-5350**

Item 5. Other Events.

On September 14, 2001, Chemical Financial Corporation ("Chemical") completed its acquisition of Bank West Financial Corporation ("Bank West"), through the merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chemical with and into Bank West (the "Merger"). As a result of the Merger, each outstanding share of Bank West common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Bank West Common Stock"), has been converted into the right to receive \$11.50 cash.

The Agreement and Plan of Merger among Chemical, BWFC Acquisition Corporation and Bank West was previously filed with the Commission as Exhibit 2.1 to Chemical's Form 8-K dated May 24, 2001, and is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of a Press Release, dated September 14, 2001, issued by Chemical and Bank West relating to the Merger, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information, and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

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| 99.1 | Press Release dated September 14, 2001.  |

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 14, 2001

CHEMICAL FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By:

/s/Lori A. Gwizdala

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Lori A. Gwizdala  
Its Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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