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PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC Form 8-K December 21, 2007

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): December 18, 2007 PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Tennessee 000-31225 62-1812853

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

211 Commerce Street, Suite 300, Nashville, Tennessee 37201

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (615) 744-3700

N/A

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

(d) On November 27, 2007, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. recommended, and on December 18, 2007, the Board of Directors elected, effective as of January 1, 2008, Dr. Wayne Joseph Riley to the Company s Board of Directors. Dr. Riley will serve as a Class II director.

Dr. Riley has been appointed to serve on the Audit Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Company s Board of Directors effective as of March 1, 2008.

Dr. Riley is not a party to any arrangement or understanding with any person pursuant to which he was selected as a member of the Board of Directors nor is he a party to any transaction, or series of transactions, required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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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.

PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.

By: /s/ Harold R. Carpenter Name: Harold R. Carpenter

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 21, 2007