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PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC Form 8-K February 18, 2010

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): February 12, 2010 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))

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

(b) On February 12, 2010, Reese L. Smith, III, notified the Chairman of the board of directors of Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. (the Company) in writing that he was resigning, effective immediately, from the Company s board of directors and from the board of directors of the Company s bank subsidiary Pinnacle National Bank. In connection with Mr. Smith s resignation from the board of directors of the Company, the Company s board of directors, on February 16, 2010, approved a reduction in the size of the board of directors to 15 members.

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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/ M. Terry Turner Name: M. Terry Turner

Title: President and Chief Executive

Officer

Date: February 18, 2010