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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

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☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

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:

SOUTH CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST 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

(a) The following financial statements and reports, which have been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 11-K:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Financial Statements:

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits, December 31, 2004 and 2003
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits, Year Ended December 31, 2004
Notes to Financial Statements

Supplemental Schedule:

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), December 31, 2004

(b) The following Exhibits are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 11-K:

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004
AND
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Trustees of the
South Carolina Bank and Trust Employees' Savings Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the South Carolina Bank and Trust Employees' Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004. 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. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes 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 Plan as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2004, 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 Disclosures 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.

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J. W. Hunt and Company, LLP
Columbia, South Carolina
June 20, 2005

SOUTH CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN -----

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, DECEMBER 31, 2004 -----

	GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT	INDEXED BOND FUND	ASSET MANAGER FUND	S&P 500 INDEX FUND	ALL CAP GROWTH FUND	EUROPACIFIC C FUND

ASSETS:						
Investments, at fair value:						
Mutual funds	\$ -	\$ 398,929	\$ 2,107,167	\$ 3,181,231	\$ 1,762,987	\$ 73,301
SCBT Financial Corporation stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certificate of deposit	2,521,737	-	-	-	-	-
Money market funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments, at contract value:						
New York Life Insurance Company, Investment contract	537,622	-	-	-	-	-
Total investments	3,059,359	398,929	2,107,167	3,181,231	1,762,987	73,301

Receivables:						
Employer's contribution	60,568	24,289	57,198	104,394	73,787	10,110
Interest	11,032	-	-	-	-	-
Total receivables	71,600	24,289	57,198	104,394	73,787	10,110

Total assets	3,130,959	423,218	2,164,365	3,285,625	1,836,774	83,411

LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-

Net assets available for benefits	\$ 3,130,959	\$ 423,218	\$ 2,164,365	\$ 3,285,625	\$ 1,836,774	\$ 83,411
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THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOUTH CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST
EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, DE

	GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT	INDEXED BOND FUND	ASSET MANAGER FUND	S&P 500 INDEX FUND	ALL CAP GROWTH FUND	INT NATI EQU FU
ASSETS:						
Investments, at fair value:						
Mutual funds	\$ -	\$ 274,325	\$ 2,013,731	\$ 2,651,385	\$ 1,348,379	\$ 23
SCBT Financial Corporation stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Certificate of deposit	946,725	-	-	-	-	-
Money market funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments, at contract value:						
New York Life Insurance Company, Investment contract	2,026,192	-	-	-	-	-
Total investments	2,972,917	274,325	2,013,731	2,651,385	1,348,379	23
Receivables:						
Employer's contribution	44,718	19,015	40,818	72,207	63,099	1
Interest	7,717	-	-	-	-	-
Total receivables	52,435	19,015	40,818	72,207	63,099	1
Total assets	3,025,352	293,340	2,054,549	2,723,592	1,411,478	24
LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets available for benefits	\$3,025,352	\$ 293,340	\$ 2,054,549	\$ 2,723,592	\$ 1,411,478	\$ 24

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EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT	INDEXED BOND FUND	ASSET MANAGER FUND	S&P 500 INDEX FUND	ALL CAP GROWTH FUND	INTER- NATIONAL EQUITY FUND
Additions to net assets attributed to:						
Investment income:						
Interest	\$ 99,937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
Dividends	-	13,026	30,401	46,396	-	867
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	-	(431)	138,679	251,396	111,560	2,205
Total investment income	99,937	12,595	169,080	297,792	111,560	3,072
Contributions:						
Employer's	60,568	24,289	57,198	104,394	73,787	-
Participants'	207,032	85,048	168,876	318,368	250,791	-
Total contributions	267,600	109,337	226,074	422,762	324,578	-
Total additions	367,537	121,932	395,154	720,554	436,138	3,072
Deductions from net assets attributed to:						
Benefits paid to participants	364,795	35,574	341,108	148,730	69,258	-
Administrative expenses	8,653	-	-	-	-	-
Total deductions	373,448	35,574	341,108	148,730	69,258	-
Net increase (decrease) prior to interfund transfers	(5,911)	86,358	54,046	571,824	366,880	3,072
Interfund transfers	111,518	43,520	55,770	(9,791)	58,416	(243,924)
Net increase (decrease)	105,607	129,878	109,816	562,033	425,296	(240,852)
Net assets available for benefits:						
Beginning of year	3,025,352	293,340	2,054,549	2,723,592	1,411,478	240,852
End of year	\$3,130,959	\$423,218	\$2,164,365	\$3,285,625	\$1,836,774	\$ -

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SOUTH CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN -----

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -----

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN:

The following description of the South Carolina Bank and Trust (a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCBT Financial Corporation) 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 South Carolina Bank and Trust, N.A. (the "Company") and all affiliates of the Company who work 20 or more hours per week, have six months of service and are age twenty-one or older. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions:

Each year, participants may contribute up to 50 percent 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. The Company contributes 50 percent of the first 6 percent of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan up to a maximum matching contribution of 3 percent of base compensation. Employer contributions may be made from current or accumulated net profits. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution and allocations of Plan earnings. 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.

Vesting:

Participants' accounts are fully vested.

Payment of benefits:

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

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED):

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Investment options:

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions in any of the following investment options:

Guaranteed Interest Account - Funds are invested in guaranteed investment contracts (GIC) with an insurance company and certificate of deposit with the Company.

Indexed Bond Fund - Funds are invested primarily in fixed income securities of the Citigroup Broad Investment Grade Bond Index.

Asset Manager Fund - Funds are invested primarily in domestic and foreign common stocks, U.S. Treasuries and agencies, investment-grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass-through securities, asset-backed securities and money market instruments.

S&P 500 Index Fund - Funds are invested in common stocks replicating the Standard and Poor's 500 Composite Index.

All Cap Growth Fund - Funds are invested primarily in stocks issued by companies with investment characteristics such as: participation in expanding markets, increasing return on investment, increasing unit sales volume, and higher growth in revenue and earnings per share relative to the average of common stocks comprising indices such as the Standard and Poor's 500 Composite Index.

EuroPacific Growth Fund - The fund normally invests at least 80% of assets in equity securities of issuers domiciled in Europe and the Pacific Basin. It may also hold cash or money market instruments. Fund seeks long-term growth of capital.

International Equity Fund - Funds are invested primarily in non-U.S. common stocks with an emphasis on large, well-established companies. A value approach is used for country selection, with a broad diversification of holdings within each country. Stocks of both established economies and emerging market countries may be included. The International Equity Fund was liquidated effective January 26, 2004.

SCBT Financial Corporation Stock Fund - The SCBT Financial Corporation Stock Fund invests only in SCBT Financial Corporation common shares and money market equivalents.

NOTE B - 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.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

Investment Valuation:

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value except for its benefit-responsive investment contract, which is valued at contract value (Note

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D). Quoted market prices are used to value investments. Shares of mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of stocks or mutual funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, 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.

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 generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein and the disclosure or contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE C - INVESTMENTS:

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

	December 31,	
	2004	2003
MainStay Asset Manager Fund, 160,730 and 164,790 shares, respectively	\$ 2,107,167	\$ 2,013,731
MainStay S&P 500 Index Fund, 113,941 and 103,489 shares, respectively	3,181,231	2,651,385
MainStay All Cap Growth Fund, 84,556 and 69,077 shares, respectively	1,762,988	1,348,379
SCBT Financial Corporation common stock, 74,263 and 74,932 shares, respectively	2,493,009	2,248,709
Investment Contract with New York Life Insurance Company, #11433	537,622	2,026,192
Certificates of deposit, South Carolina Bank and Trust, N.A.	2,521,737	946,725

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NOTE C - INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED):

During 2004, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated in value as follows:

	2004 ----
Mutual funds	\$ 510,367
SCBT Financial Corporation - Common Stock	242,426

Net appreciation	752,793 =====

The number of employees participating in each of the Plan's investment options at December 31, 2004 and 2003, is as follows:

	2004 ----	2003 ----
Fixed Income Fund	164	172
Indexed Bond Fund	120	107
Asset Manager Fund	215	217
S&P 500 Index Fund	267	249
All Cap Growth Fund	203	192
International Equity Fund	-	65
EuroPacific Growth Fund	48	-
SCBT Financial Corporation Stock Fund	212	223

NOTE D - INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY:

The Plan has a benefit-responsive investment contract with New York Life Insurance Company (New York Life). New York Life, as the Plan's custodian, maintains the assets in a pooled account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses charged by New York Life. The contract is included in the financial statements at contract value as reported to the Plan by New York Life. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The average yield and crediting interest rates ranged from 4.73 percent to 7.20 percent for 2004 and 2003. The crediting interest rates are based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer and are reviewed on an annual basis for resetting.

NOTE E - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Certain Plan investments are shares of SCBT Financial Corporation common stock held by the Plan sponsor's Trust Department. Fees of \$6,772 were paid by the Plan to the Trust Department for the year

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NOTE E - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED):

ended December 31, 2004. Dividends received from SCBT Financial Corporation were \$50,335 for the year ended December 31, 2004.

The Plan has also invested in a three-year certificate of deposit and a twelve-month certificate of deposit with South Carolina Bank and Trust, N.A. maturing April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2005, respectively. The Plan earned \$36,345 of interest on the three-year certificate of deposit and \$13,180 on the twelve-month certificate for the year ended December 31, 2004. As of December 31, 2004, the three-year certificate of deposit was earning interest at a rate of 3.31 percent. As of December 31, 2004, the twelve-month certificate of deposit was earning interest at a rate of 1.50 percent.

NOTE F - PLAN TERMINATION:

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, 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.

NOTE G - TAX STATUS:

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated February 23, 2005, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE H - PLAN OPERATING COSTS:

The Company pays certain operating costs of the Plan such as legal, audit, and administrative fees.

NOTE I - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 at December 31, 2004 and 2003:

	2004	2003
	-----	-----
Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 13,487,165	\$ 12,059,4
Less, benefits payable	12,247	1,3
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Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	13,474,918	12,058,0
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Benefits payable are recorded as a liability in the Plan's Form 5500. However, this amount is not recorded as a liability in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2004:

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NOTE I - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (CONTINUED):

Benefits paid to participants per financial statements	\$ 1,203,492
Less, accrual for prior year	(1,377)
Add, accrual for current year	12,247

Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500	1,214,362
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SOUTH CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) DECEMBER 31, 2004

IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR, OR SIMILAR PARTY	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT INCLUDING MATURITY DATE, RATE OF INTEREST, COLLATERAL, PAR OR MATURITY VALUE
New York Life Insurance Company	Guaranteed Investment Contract #11433
New York Life Investment Management LLC	MainStay Indexed Bond Fund, 36,365 shares
New York Life Investment Management LLC	MainStay Asset Manager Fund, 160,730 shares
New York Life Investment Management LLC	MainStay S&P 500 Index Fund, 113,941 shares
New York Life Investment Management LLC	MainStay All Cap Growth Fund, 84,556 shares
American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund, 2,058 shares
* SCBT Financial Corporation	74,263 common shares
Federated Prime Obligation Principal Fund	Money Market Fund
* South Carolina Bank and Trust, N.A.	Certificate of Deposit, interest rate of 3.31 percent, matures April 1, 2006
* South Carolina Bank and Trust, N.A.	Certificate of Deposit, interest rate of 1.50 percent, matures March 31, 2005

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Note: Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments.

* Indicates a party in interest

Signatures

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

South Carolina Bank and Trust Employees' Savings Plan

Date: June 29, 2005

/s/ Richard C. Mathis

Richard C. Mathis
Trustee

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description	Location
23	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Filed herewith