

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 30, 2009

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): January 29, 2009

Southside Bancshares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Texas<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | 0-12247<br>(Commission File Number) | 75-1848732<br>(IRS Employer Identification<br>Number) |
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| 1201 S. Beckham, Tyler, Texas<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices) | 75701<br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (903) 531-7111

NA  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- p Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-14a-12)
  - p Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - p Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On January 29, 2009, Southside Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008, reporting earnings of \$10.4 million and \$30.7 million, respectively, and diluted earnings per common share of \$0.73 and \$2.16, respectively. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated herein by reference. The press release includes information regarding interest income on a taxable equivalent basis or FTE. FTE is a non-GAAP performance measure used by management in operating the business which management believes provides investors with a more accurate picture of the interest yield, spread and margin for comparative purposes.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the attached exhibit, is being furnished as provided in General Instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, except as shall be expressly provided by specific reference in such filing.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(D) Exhibits. The following materials are furnished as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description of Exhibit               |
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| 99.1              | Press release dated January 29, 2009 |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

Date: January 29, 2009

By: /s/ Lee R. Gibson  
Lee R. Gibson, CPA  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer