

AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 20, 2005**

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**AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-7476**  
(Commission File Number)

**63-0591257**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**AMSOUTH CENTER**

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**1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH**

**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203**

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 320-7151**

**Not applicable**

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

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The AmSouth Board of Directors on January 20, 2005, approved the following fee schedule for non-employee directors: (1) a quarterly retainer of \$10,000 (\$14,000 for the Audit Committee Chairman and \$12,000 for other committee chairmen), (2) \$1,500 for each board meeting attended, and (3) \$1,500 for each committee meeting attended. Directors may elect to defer fees in the form of deferred compensation which is deemed to be invested in AmSouth Common Stock.

**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.

**AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION**

By:           /s/ Carl L. Gorday          

Name: Carl L. Gorday  
Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: January 26, 2005