

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
July 30, 2007

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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): July 30, 2007**

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**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

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**OHIO**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**0-8076**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**31-0854434**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**Fifth Third Center**

**38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**45263**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(513) 534-5300**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

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**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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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**

The Board of Directors of Fifth Third Bancorp (the Registrant) elected Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr. as a director effective July 30, 2007. Mr. Bridgeman is the owner and President of Manna, Inc. and ERJ Inc. which own and operate 163 Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger restaurants in five states and 26 Chili's restaurants in four states. Mr. Bridgeman also serves on the board of directors of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc.

The Board of Directors increased the size of the Board to sixteen directors and appointed Mr. Bridgeman as a director to fill the vacancy created by the increase. Mr. Bridgeman's compensation for his service as a director will be consistent with that of the Registrant's other non-employee directors, as described in the Registrant's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2007 and the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, as amended.

A copy of the related press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 - Press release dated July 30, 2007.

**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.

**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP**  
(Registrant)

July 30, 2007

/s/ PAUL L. REYNOLDS  
Paul L. Reynolds  
Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel