

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 08, 2005

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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): March 8, 2005

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MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

0-5127

52-0898572

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, Maryland 21203  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(410) 237-5900  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

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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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 8.01. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

This is an optional filing made to disclose the event reported below. It is not a filing required by Regulation FD.

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On March 8, 2005, the registrant issued a press release announcing a quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements, and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99 Press Release

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation  
(Registrant)

/s/ Terry L. Troupe

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Terry L. Troupe  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

Date: March 8, 2005

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release

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