

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 8-K

April 16, 2004

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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): April 15, 2004

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

0-12247

(Commission File Number)

75-1848732

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

1201 S. Beckham

Tyler, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

75701

(Zip Code)

(903) 531-7111

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith pursuant to Item 12, is not to be considered filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and shall not be incorporated into any of the previous or future filings of Southside Bancshares, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act:

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT
99.1	Press Release dated April 15, 2004 of Southside Bancshares, Inc. with respect to the financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2004

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On April 15, 2004, Southside Bancshares, Inc. announced its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2004, reporting earnings of \$4.5 million and diluted earnings per common share of \$0.41. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. 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.

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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: April 16, 2004

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

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