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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): February 8, 2018

Ameris Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia 001-13901 58-1456434 (State or Other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Jurisdiction of Identification No.) Incorporation)

310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111

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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01

Regulation FD Disclosure.

Ameris Bancorp (the "Company") is furnishing this Current Report on Form 8-K (this "Report") in connection with a presentation being made on February 8, 2018 by members of management of the Company, including Edwin W. Hortman, Jr., Executive Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dennis J. Zember Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Nicole S. Stokes, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, at the 2018 KBW Winter Financial Services Symposium in Miami, Florida. A copy of the materials to be presented is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Investor Presentation Materials.

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.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Nicole S. Stokes Nicole S. Stokes Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 8, 2018