

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 8-K

December 19, 2012

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): December 19, 2012

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-12247

(Commission File Number)

75-1848732

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1201 S. Beckham, Tyler, Texas

(Address of principal executive
offices)

75701

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (903) 531-7111

NA

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

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under Securities Act (17 CFR 230-425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

We previously announced on November 8, 2012 a stock repurchase plan to purchase up to \$10,000,000 in shares of our common stock. We are entering into a Rule 10b5-1 plan that will allow the designated broker to purchase shares during our blackout periods on terms consistent with our previously announced share repurchase plan.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished as provided in General Instruction B.2 to Form 8-K, to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, except as shall be expressly provided by specific reference in such filing.

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: December 19, 2012

By: /s/ LEE R. GIBSON
Lee R. Gibson
Senior Executive Vice President and CFO