

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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): April 18,  
2016

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Texas 0-12247 75-1848732

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1201 S. Beckham,  
Tyler, Texas 75701

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

(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:

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

On April 18, 2016, the Board of Directors of Southside Bancshares, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Ms. Julie N. Shamburger, the Company’s Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, to serve as the Company’s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”).

Ms. Shamburger, 53, a certified public accountant, joined Southside Bank in 1982 and has served as Chief Accounting Officer of the Company since 2011, as an Executive Vice President since 2007 and as Controller from 1997 to 2011. Ms. Shamburger earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in accounting from the University of Texas at Tyler. Ms. Shamburger is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the East Texas Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. She currently serves on the Audit Committee for the East Texas Area Council of Boy Scouts.

Lee R. Gibson, the Company’s President and CFO, will continue to serve as the Company’s President.

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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

By: /s/ Sam Dawson  
Sam Dawson  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 20, 2016