SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC Form 8-K July 29, 2016

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): July 29, 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

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:

pWritten communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

pSoliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

pPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On July 29, 2016, Southside Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the attached exhibit, 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.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(D) Exhibits. The following materials are furnished as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K: Exhibit Description of Exhibit Number

99.1 Press release dated July 29, 2016

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: July 29, 2016 By:/s/ JULIE N. SHAMBURGER

Julie N. Shamburger, CPA, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)