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SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 22, 2009

**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)**

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

**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.**

Item 5.02 (b) On January 22, 2009, Michael D. Gollob, CPA notified the board of directors that he has elected not to stand for re-election as a director of Southside Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company") at the Company's next Annual Shareholders' Meeting. Mr. Gollob has served as a director and member of the audit committee since 1999. Mr. Gollob will continue to serve in his present capacity as director until the Annual Shareholders' Meeting on April 16, 2009. Mr. Gollob has agreed to serve as an advisory director on the board of the Company's subsidiary, Southside Bank, beginning April 16, 2009. "Mr. Gollob's valuable and dedicated service as a director of the Company will be greatly missed," stated B. G. Hartley, Chairman of the Board.

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: January 26, 2009

By: /s/ Lee R. Gibson

Lee R. Gibson, CPA

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer