

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

December 16, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAWSON CHARLES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES
INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM

(Street)

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
[SBSI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/16/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Director, President & Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/16/2008		M		3,000	A \$ 5.42	67,057 D
Common Stock	12/16/2008		S		3,000	D \$ 20.52	64,057 D
Common Stock	12/16/2008		M		3,000	A \$ 5.42	67,057 D
Common Stock	12/16/2008		S		3,000	D \$ 20.73	64,057 D
Common Stock							12,914.43 I SSB Tr/self

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Common Stock	9,422.18	I	Emp S/P by ESOP
Common Stock	2,492	I	by Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	12/16/2008		M	3,000	<u>(1)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	3,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	12/16/2008		M	3,000	<u>(1)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DAWSON CHARLES E SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X Director, President & Secy.

Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)
Dawson

12/16/2008

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

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