SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
Form 4
March 10, 2009

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HARTLEY BG

(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)
03/09/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Director, COB & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/09/2009		M		24,037	A	$ 5.42	188,116	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2009		M		402	A	$ 5.42	188,518	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2009		M		45,428	A	$ 5	233,946	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2009		M		8,873	A	$ 5	242,819	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2009		F		29,357	D	$ 13.76	213,462	D	

Common Stock	3,347.43	I	By ESOP for Spouse
Common Stock	20,347.9395	I	By Spouse/Sep. Prop.
Common Stock	18,750.47	I	by ESOP
Common Stock	3,440	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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5	03/09/2009		M			45,428	(1)	08/31/2010	Common Stock	45,4
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5.42	03/09/2009		M			24,037	(2)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	24,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5	03/09/2009		M			8,873	(3)	08/31/2010	Common Stock	8,8
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5.42	03/09/2009		M			402	(4)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	40

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTLEY BG SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Director, COB & CEO	

Signatures

B. G. Hartley	03/10/2009
**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 08/31/2005.

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

(3) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

(4) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

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