

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2006

**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): September 20, 2006**

**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)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under Securities Act (17 CFR 230-425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.**

Item 5.02 (b) Chairman of the Board B. G. Hartley announced with great sadness the death of Fred E. Bosworth, one of Southside Bancshares, Inc. s (the Company ) longtime directors. Mr. Bosworth died of natural causes on September 20, 2006 at the age of 87. Mr. Bosworth s faithful and loyal service as a director of the Company will be greatly missed. All who had the privilege of serving with Fred Bosworth will miss his tremendous dedication and insight, but more importantly his friendship and support, stated B. G. Hartley.

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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.**

Date: September 21, 2006

By: /s/ Lee R. Gibson  
Lee R. Gibson  
Executive Vice President and CFO

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