

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2012

# 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): **December 13, 2012**

## Northwest Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-34582**  
(Commission File No.)

**27-0950358**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 Liberty Street**  
**Warren, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of principal executive office)

**16365**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(814) 726-2140**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))
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**Item 8.01**                      **Other Events**

On December 13, 2012, Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the Registrant ) issued a news release announcing the expansion of its stock repurchase program. A copy of the news release is included as exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01**                      **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a)                      Not applicable

(b)                      Not applicable

(c)                      Not applicable

(d)                      Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | News release dated December 13, 2012 |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.**

DATE: December 13, 2012

By: /s/ William W. Harvey, Jr.  
William W. Harvey, Jr.  
*Chief Financial Officer*