

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/12/2008

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

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM (Street)

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

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

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price		
Common Stock	06/19/2008		M		35 A \$ 5.61	65,218	D
Common Stock	06/19/2008		M		712 A \$ 5.61	65,930	D
Common Stock	06/19/2008		M		1,200 A \$ 5.61	67,130	D
Common Stock	06/19/2008		M		920 A \$ 5.61	68,050	D
Common Stock	06/19/2008		M		1,700 A \$ 5.61	69,750	D

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Common Stock	06/19/2008	S	35	D	\$ 19.74	69,715	D	
Common Stock	06/19/2008	S	712	D	\$ 19.75	69,003	D	
Common Stock	06/19/2008	S	1,200	D	\$ 19.79	67,803	D	
Common Stock	06/19/2008	S	920	D	\$ 19.8	66,883	D	
Common Stock	06/19/2008	S	1,700	D	\$ 19.83	65,183	D	
Common Stock	06/12/2008	J ⁽¹⁾	16.43	A	\$ 19.6	2,492.37	I	by Spouse
Common Stock						12,915	I	SSB Tr/self Emp S/P
Common Stock						9,422.18	I	by ESOP

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.61	06/19/2008		M	35	<u>(2)</u> 10/15/2008	Common Stock	35
Incentive Stock	\$ 5.61	06/19/2008		M	712	<u>(2)</u> 10/15/2008	Common Stock	712

Option
(right to
buy)

Incentive
Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.61	06/19/2008	M	1,200	<u>(2)</u>	10/15/2008	Common Stock	1,200
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Incentive
Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.61	06/19/2008	M	920	<u>(2)</u>	10/15/2008	Common Stock	920
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Incentive
Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.61	06/19/2008	M	1,700	<u>(2)</u>	10/15/2008	Common Stock	1,700
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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 06/20/2008

**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) Shares acquired pursuant to Southside Bancshares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.

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