

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 07, 2012

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) March 7, 2012

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First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Delaware 001-16715 56-1528994  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina 27609  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 716-7000

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(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 the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 7, 2012, Registrant announced its results of operations for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of Registrant's press release issued this date is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and is incorporated by reference into this Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed with this Report:

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
99.1	Copy of March 7, 2012 Press Release

#### Disclosures About Forward Looking Statements

The discussions included in this Report and its exhibits may contain forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995, including Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. For the purposes of these discussions, any statements that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward looking statements. Such statements are often characterized by the use of qualifying words such as "expects," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "plans," "projects," or other statements concerning opinions or judgments of the Registrant and its management about future events. The accuracy of such forward looking statements could be affected by such factors as, including but not limited to, the financial success or changing conditions or strategies of the Registrant's customers or vendors, fluctuations in interest rates, actions of government regulators, the availability of capital and personnel or general economic conditions.