

GILLILAND THOMAS C  
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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 \*  
GILLILAND THOMAS C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
PO BOX 398  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/21/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	09/21/2006		M	3,289 D \$ 30.4	85,571	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2006		M	4,800 A \$ 13	90,371	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2006		M	2,294 A \$ 16.39	92,665	D	
Common Stock					19,089.856	I	By 401k
Common Stock					10,225	I	Cust FBO Thomas C. Gilliland,

Common Stock		10,225	I	Jr. (Son) Cust FBO Jason W. Gilliland (Son)
Common Stock		412,556 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Candace W. Gilliland (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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 13	09/21/2006		M	4,800	03/11/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/11/2012	Common Stock	4,800
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 16.39	09/21/2006		M	2,294	04/17/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/17/2013	Common Stock	2,294

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILLILAND THOMAS C PO BOX 398	X		EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns	

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

## Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of  
Attorney

09/22/2006

\_\_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) Includes 412,556 shares owned by Mr. Gilliland's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.
  - (2) 2002 Options were 20% vested on date of grant, then vested an additional 20% each anniversary date.
  - (3) 2003 Options vested over four consecutive years at 25% each anniversary date.

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