

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
 SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 STORY JERYL W

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)
 11/17/2009

_____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

(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

(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)
					Amount	Price		
Common Stock	11/17/2009		M		5,000	\$ 4.76	97,393	D
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S		1,000	\$ 20.64	96,393	D
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S		1,000	\$ 20.57	95,393	D
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S		694	\$ 20.5	94,699	D
Common Stock	11/17/2009		S		14	\$ 20.51	94,685	D

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Common Stock	11/17/2009	S	292	D	\$ 20.41	94,393	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2009	S	500	D	\$ 20.4	93,893	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2009	S	2	D	\$ 20.42	93,891	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2009	S	498	D	\$ 20.08	93,393	D	
Common Stock	11/17/2009	S	1,000	D	\$ 20.07	92,393	D	
Common Stock						83	I	Joint with Wife
Common Stock						10,511.02	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)	\$ 4.76	11/17/2009		M	5,000	⁽¹⁾ 08/31/2010	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STORY JERYL W

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Jeryl Story

11/17/2009

**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) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

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