

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 NORTON JOE
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

1201 S BECKHAM AVE
 (Street)

TYLER, TX 75701
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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) Amount Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2015	Â	J	55.85 A \$ (1)	7,834.1075	I	Self Cust fbo Granddaughter
Common Stock	06/04/2015	Â	J	66.93 A \$ (1)	7,901.0375	I	Self Cust fbo Granddaughter
Common Stock	09/03/2015	Â	J	70.27 A \$ (1)	7,971.3075	I	Self Cust fbo Granddaughter
Common Stock	12/03/2015	Â	J	90.8496 A \$ (1)	8,062.1571	I	Self Cust fbo Granddaughter

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(1) Dividend Reinvestment Program "DRP"

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