

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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) January 20, 2009

Southern First Bancshares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-27719  
(Commission File Number)

58-2459561  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100, Greenville, SC  
(Address of principal executive offices)

29606  
(Zip Code)

(864) 679-9000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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**

On January 20, 2009, Southern First Bancshares, Inc., holding company for Southern First Bank, N.A., issued a press release announcing its financial results for the period ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Exhibit</u> |
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| 99.1 | Earnings Press Release for period ended December 31, 2008. |
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.**

By: /s/ James M. Austin, III  
Name: James M. Austin, III  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

January 20, 2009

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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