SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC

Form 8-K January 22, 2013

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) Januar	ry 22, 2013
Southern First Bancshares, Inc.	
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
South Carolina	
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	
000-27719	58-2459561
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(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100, Greenville, SC	29606
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
(864) 679-9000	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	
Not Applicable	
Not Applicable	
(Former name or former address, if changed since last re	eport)

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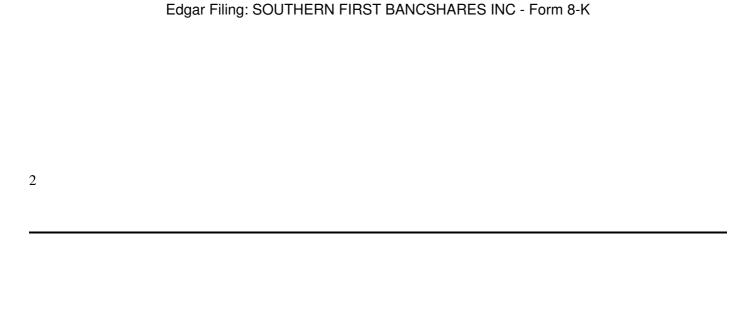
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 - 99.1 Earnings Press Release for period ended December 31, 2012.

Exhibit No.

Exhibit



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/ Michael D. Dowling
Name: Michael D. Dowling
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Earnings Press Release for the period ended December 31, 2012.