

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2019

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 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): **March 28, 2019**

**The First Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Mississippi**                      **000-22507**    **64-0862173**  
(State or other jurisdiction)    (Commission    (IRS Employer

of incorporation)                File Number) Identification No.)

**6480 U.S. Highway 98 West, Suite A**

**Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39402**  
(Address and Zip Code of principal executive offices)

**(601) 268-8998**

(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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 28, 2019, The First Bancshares, Inc. (“**First Bancshares**”) issued a press release (the “**Press Release**”) regarding the Repurchase Program (defined below). A copy of the Press Release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

First Bancshares announced on March 28, 2019 that its Board of Directors has authorized a share repurchase program (the “**Repurchase Program**”), pursuant to which the Company may purchase up to an aggregate of \$20 million in shares of the Company’s issued and outstanding common stock. The Repurchase Program will have an expiration date of December 31, 2019.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits*

99.1 Press Release of The First Bancshares, Inc., dated March 28, 2019.

**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.

THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ Donna T. (Dee Dee) Lowery  
Name: Donna T. (Dee Dee) Lowery  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 28, 2019