

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
 Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DAWSON CHARLES E

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)
 09/03/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Director, President & Secy.

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM
 (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

TYLER, TX 75701

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | | M | 1,500 | \$ 5.42 | 66,683 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | | S | 1,500 | \$ 23.93 | 65,183 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | | M | 1,500 | \$ 5.42 | 66,683 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | | S | 1,500 | \$ 23.91 | 65,183 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | | M | 1,500 | \$ 5.42 | 66,683 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-----------|---|---------------------|
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 23.88 | 65,183 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | M | 1,500 | A | \$ 5.42 | 66,683 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 23.81 | 65,183 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | M | 1,500 | A | \$ 5.42 | 66,683 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2008 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 23.66 | 65,183 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 12,914.43 | I | SSB Tr/self Emp S/P |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 9,422.18 | I | by ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,492.37 | I | by Spouse |

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) | \$ 5.42 | 09/03/2008 | | M | 1,500 | <u>(1)</u> 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
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