

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2012

**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): December 7, 2012**

**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Georgia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13901**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**58-1456434**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**31768**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111**

**(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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 7, 2012, Ameris Bancorp (the Company) issued a press release announcing the Company's restructuring and consolidation plans which are expected to reduce operating expense by approximately \$12.1 million on an annualized basis once implemented. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated December 7, 2012.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
(principal accounting and financial officer)

Dated: December 7, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press release dated December 7, 2012.