

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
 September 21, 2009

**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES  
 INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM

(Street)

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 [SBSI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/21/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 09/21/2009                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | A \$ 4.76   | 76,046   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2009                           |  | S                              | 2,200   | D \$ 23.33  | 73,846   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2009                           |  | S                              | 900   | D \$ 23.25  | 72,946   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/21/2009                           |  | S                              | 1,900   | D \$ 23   | 71,046   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 13,561   | I SSB Tr/self                     |

|              |  |           |   |                    |
|--------------|--|-----------|---|--------------------|
| Common Stock |  | 10,361.65 | I | Emp S/P<br>by ESOP |
| Common Stock |  | 2,617     | 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)      | \$ 4.76  | 09/21/2009                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | <u>(1)</u> 08/31/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| DAWSON CHARLES E<br>SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC<br>1201 SOUTH BECKHAM<br>TYLER, TX 75701 | X             |           | Director, President & Secy. |       |

## Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)  
Dawson  
09/21/2009  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

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