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December 11, 2014

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 11, 2014

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 0 - 1224775-1848732

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

incorporation)

1201 S. Beckham, 75701

Tyler, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (903) 531-7111

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On December 11, 2014, Southside Bancshares, Inc. ("Southside") and OmniAmerican Bancorp, Inc. ("OmniAmerican") issued a joint press release announcing that they had received all regulatory approvals required to complete their merger. Southside and OmniAmerican currently expect to complete the merger on or about December 17, 2014, subject to customary closing conditions.

The press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release dated December 11, 2014

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SIGNATURES

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

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

Date: December 11, 2014 By: /s/ Lee R. Gibson

Lee R. Gibson

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer