

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
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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)  
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES  
 INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM  
 (Street)  
 TYLER, TX 75701  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/21/2005

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	12/21/2005		G	350	D	24,643	D
Common Stock	09/16/2005		J(2)	11.48	A	\$ 19.29	2,024.4 I by Spouse
Common Stock						11,155.42	I SSB Tr/self Emp S/P
Common Stock						7,590.56	I by ESOP

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.61					(3) 02/07/2006	Common Stock	21,384	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.71					(4) 06/05/2007	Common Stock	18,620	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					(5) 08/31/2010	Common Stock	29,758	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27					(6) 06/10/2009	Common Stock	20,764	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					(7) 10/15/2008	Common Stock	3,943	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					(8) 08/31/2010	Common Stock	3,748	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27					(9) 06/10/2009	Common Stock	346	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)  
Dawson 12/22/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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) Bloomberg VWAP closed at \$20.5600 per share the date of this gift, 12-21-05.
- (2) Shares acquired pursuant to Southside Bancshares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (6) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (7) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (8) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (9) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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