

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**THEDFORD DONALD W**

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. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

PO BOX 1079

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

TYLER, TX 75710

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(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)	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/10/2009	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	3.17	A	\$ 22.37	2,521.6	D	Â
Common Stock	09/10/2009	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	9.5	A	\$ 22.37	2,531.1	D	Â
Common Stock	12/10/2009	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	16.58	A	\$ 20.21	2,547.68	D	Â
Common Stock	12/10/2009	Â	J <sup>(1)</sup>	25.71	A	\$ 20.21	2,573.39	D	Â

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THEDFORD DONALD W PO BOX 1079 TYLER, TX 75710	X			

## Signatures

DONALD W  
THEDFORD  
01/12/2010

\*\*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) Shares acquired pursuant to Southside Bancshares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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