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August 21, 2001

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 21, 2001  
Registration No. 333-

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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THE COLONIAL BANCGROUP, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

6711  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

63-0661573  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Commerce Street, Suite 800  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(334) 240-5000  
(Telephone No.)

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William A. McCrary  
Senior Counsel  
Post Office Box 1108  
Montgomery, Alabama 36101-1108  
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One Commerce Street, Suite 305  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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Title of Shares to Be Registered	Amount to Be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock (\$2.50 par value).....	1,089,517	\$14.65	\$15,961,424	\$3990.35

(1) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933 based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on August 15, 2001 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

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The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on each such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.

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+The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may +

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+not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the +  
 +Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an +  
 +offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy +  
 +these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted. +

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(Subject to Completion)

Dated , 2001

PROSPECTUS

Shares

[The Colonial BancGroup, Inc. logo]

Common Stock

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We are offering up to shares of our common stock, par value \$2.50 per share, at a price of \$ per share. We will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of these shares. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "CNB". On August , 2001, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$ per share.

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Per Share Total

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Public offering price.....

Proceeds, before expenses, to us.....

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2001.

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### A WARNING ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We make forward-looking statements in this document and in our public documents to which we refer. When we use words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "may," "intend," "expect," "will," "should," "seeks" or other similar expressions we refer to events or conditions subject to risks and uncertainties. When considering those forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risks, uncertainties and other cautionary statements made in this prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement, which speaks only as of the date made. In addition to the risks identified below, you should refer to our public documents for specific risks which could cause actual results to be significantly different from those expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements. Some factors which may affect the accuracy of the forward-looking statements apply generally to the financial services or real estate industries, while other factors apply directly to us. Any number of important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: (i) deposit attrition, customer loss, or revenue loss in the ordinary course of business; (ii) increases in competitive pressure in the banking industry; (iii) changes in the interest rate environment which reduce margins; (iv) general economic conditions, either nationally or regionally, that are less favorable than expected, resulting in, among other things, a deterioration in credit quality, (v) changes which may occur in the regulatory environment; (vi) a significant rate of inflation or deflation; and (vii) changes in the securities markets.

Many of these factors are beyond our control and beyond the control of Colonial Bank. For a discussion of factors that could cause actual results to differ, please see the discussions in the sections entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2001.

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### GENERAL

In this prospectus, when we refer to "Colonial BancGroup," the "Company," "we," or "our", we are referring to The Colonial BancGroup, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and all of its subsidiaries. When we refer to "Colonial," or the "Bank" in this prospectus, we are referring to Colonial Bank, an Alabama banking corporation.

#### The Company

We are a Delaware corporation organized in 1974 as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Act of 1956, as amended. Through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Colonial Bank, we conduct a general commercial banking business in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Tennessee and Texas. At June 30, 2001, we had assets of \$12.3 billion.

Our principal activity is to supervise and coordinate the business of our subsidiaries and to provide them with capital and services. We derive

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substantially all of our income from dividends received from Colonial Bank. Various statutory provisions and regulatory policies limit the amount of dividends Colonial Bank may pay us without regulatory approval. In addition, federal statutes restrict the ability of Colonial Bank to make loans to us.

As of June 30, 2001 Colonial Bank had a total of 243 branches, with 117 branches in Alabama, 89 branches in Florida, 22 branches in Georgia, two branches in Tennessee, three branches in Texas and ten branches in Nevada. Colonial Bank conducts a general commercial banking business in its respective service areas. Colonial Bank offers a variety of demand, savings and time deposit products as well as extensions of credit through personal, commercial and mortgage loans within each of its market areas. Colonial Bank also provides additional services to its markets through cash management services, electronic banking services, credit card and merchant services and wealth management services. Wealth management services include trust services and the sales of various types of investment products such as mutual funds, annuities, stocks, municipal bonds and U.S. government securities.

The mailing address and telephone number of our principal executive offices are as follows:

The Colonial BancGroup, Inc.  
Post Office Box 1108  
Montgomery, Alabama 36101-1108  
(334) 240-5000

### The Offering

Common Stock offered..... up to                shares of common stock  
Voting Rights..... Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share and the common stock possesses in the aggregate 100% of the total voting power of our common stock.  
Use of Proceeds..... We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes.  
Common Stock NYSE Symbol.. "CNB"

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### Price Range of Common Stock and Dividends

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CNB." The following tables set forth, for the indicated periods, the high and low sale prices for our common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange and the cash dividends declared per share of our common stock for the indicated periods. The stock prices do not include retail mark-ups, mark-downs or commissions.

	Common Stock		
	Price Range		Cash Dividends
	High	Low	Paid Per Share
1999			
First Quarter.....	\$12.563	\$11.375	\$.095

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Second Quarter.....	13.938	11.188	.095
Third Quarter.....	15.000	10.375	.095
Fourth Quarter.....	12.938	10.188	.095
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1999 Total.....			\$ .380
			=====
2000			
First Quarter.....	\$10.750	\$ 8.625	\$.110
Second Quarter.....	11.250	9.000	.110
Third Quarter.....	10.750	9.688	.110
Fourth Quarter.....	11.125	8.313	.110
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2000 Total.....			\$ .440
			=====
2001			
First Quarter.....	\$13.120	\$10.750	\$.120
Second Quarter.....	14.750	12.05	.120
Third Quarter (through August 17, 2001)....	14.94	14.05	.120
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2001 Total through August 17, 2001.....			\$ .360
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On , 2001, the closing sale price of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange was \$ per share. We currently intend to declare and pay regular quarterly cash dividends on our common stock.

Our ability to pay dividends is restricted by certain regulations of the Federal Reserve as well as certain covenant restrictions contained in the indentures and loan agreements that govern the terms of our debt. A description of the regulatory framework in which we operate is provided in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 under the caption "Certain Regulatory Considerations" on page 2.

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Capitalization

The following table sets forth our capitalization on an actual basis at June 30, 2001 and on an adjusted basis to reflect the sale of the 1,089,517 shares of Common Stock to be sold by us in this offering (after deducting estimated offering expenses). You should read the information in the following table in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000 and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2001 which are incorporated in this prospectus by reference.

	As of June 30, 2001	
	Actual	As Adjusted
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	(Dollars in thousands)	
	(Unaudited)	
Short-Term Borrowings:		
Fed Funds & Repos.....	\$ 1,309,765	\$ 1,309,765
FHLB.....	200,530	200,530
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Total Short-Term Borrowings.....	1,510,295	1,510,295
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Long-Term Debt:		
FHLB.....	1,121,718	1,121,718
Subordinated Debt.....	256,061	256,061
Jr. Subordinated Debt.....	70,000	70,000
Convertible Debentures.....	3,998	3,998
Other.....	88,063	88,063
	-----	-----
Total Long-Term Debt.....	1,539,840	1,539,840
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Shareholders' Equity:		
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value; 200,000,000 authorized; 113,090,845 shares issued.....	282,727	282,727
Treasury Stock, 2,376,746 shares held at June 30, 2001, 1,287,229 as adjusted, respectively.....	(22,571)	(12,585)
Additional Paid in Capital.....	119,731	125,783
Retained Earnings.....	422,459	422,459
Unearned Compensation.....	(4,027)	(4,027)
Unrealized gain/loss on securities available for sale, net of taxes.....	7,485	7,485
	-----	-----
Total Shareholders' Equity.....	805,804	821,842
	-----	-----
Total Capitalization.....	\$3,855,939	\$3,871,977
	=====	=====

This table is based on shares outstanding at June 30, 2001 and does not include 3,202,372 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options and 412,178 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our outstanding 7.5% Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2011 which are convertible at \$7.00 per share and 151,056 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our 7.0% convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2004 which are convertible at \$7.58 per share.

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### Management

Certain information regarding security ownership of management, the biographies of the directors and executive officers of BancGroup, executive compensation and related party transactions is included in (i) BancGroup's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2000, at item 10, and (ii) BancGroup's Proxy Statement for its 2001 Annual Meeting under the headings "Voting Securities and Principal Stockholders", "Election of Directors," "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation," "Executive Compensation," and "Executive Compensation Committee Report" at pages 2-15. BancGroup hereby incorporates such information by reference.

### Description of Capital Stock

Our authorized capital stock consists of 200,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$2.50 per share. As of June 30, 2001, we had 110,714,099 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding (net of treasury stock).

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### USE OF PROCEEDS

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We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of up to \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock we are offering will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million after deducting estimated offering expenses. For purposes of this calculation we have assumed a public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share. We intend to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

The precise amounts and timing of the application of such proceeds depend upon many factors, including, but not limited to, the amount of any such proceeds and actual funding requirements. Until the proceeds are used, we may invest the proceeds, depending on our cash flow requirements, in short and long-term investments, including, but not limited to treasury bills, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, securities issued by U.S. government agencies, money market funds, repurchase agreements and other similar investments.

### DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE

The offering price will be based upon the market price of our common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange at the time of sale.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We anticipate selling the common stock offered hereby on the New York Stock Exchange. We may engage an agent to assist us in finding purchasers for our common stock. We anticipate that such agent will be paid a commission of \$0. \_\_\_\_\_ per share sold or an aggregate amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Common Stock will be passed upon for us by Miller, Hamilton, Snider & Odom, L.L.C., Montgomery, Alabama.

### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of BancGroup incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC. You can read and copy these reports, proxy statements, and other information concerning us at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. You can review our electronically filed reports, proxy and information statements on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Our common stock is quoted on the New York Stock Exchange. These reports, proxy statements and other information are also available for inspection at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York City, New York 10005.

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC covering the common stock offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which forms a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. For further information about us and our common stock you should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits. You can obtain the full registration statement from the SEC as



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indicated above.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with the SEC. This permits us to disclose important information to you by referring to these filed documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference:

- . our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000,
- . our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2001,
- . a description of our common stock, \$2.50 par value per share, contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on November 22, 1994 and effective February 22, 1995, and
- . any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until we sell all of the common stock under this prospectus.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Office of the Senior Counsel  
The Colonial BancGroup, Inc.  
Colonial Financial Center  
One Commerce Street  
Fifth Floor  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
(334) 240-5000

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of the common stock in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus.

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[The Colonial BancGroup, Inc. Logo]

### PART II

#### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

##### Item 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The following table sets forth the expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) to be borne by The Colonial BancGroup, Inc. (the "Registrant") in connection with the offering. All of the amounts shown are estimates except the SEC registration fee.

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SEC Registration Fee.....	\$ 3,990.35
Legal Fees and Expenses.....	7,500.00
Accounting Fees and Expenses.....	10,000.00
Printing and Mailing Expenses.....	5,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	2,500.00
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Total Fees and Expenses.....	\$29,490.35
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Item 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Directors, officers, employees, and agents of BancGroup and its subsidiaries are entitled to indemnification as expressly permitted by the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, BancGroup's restated certificate of incorporation, the charters of BancGroup's subsidiaries, and BancGroup's liability insurance. BancGroup has also entered into indemnification agreements with its directors regarding indemnification against certain liabilities. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, or persons controlling BancGroup pursuant to the foregoing provisions, BancGroup has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in that Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 16. EXHIBITS

The following exhibits either are filed herewith or incorporated by reference to documents previously filed or will be filed by amendment, as indicated below:

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibits -----	Description -----
4.1	Article 4 of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated February 21, 1995, and incorporated herein by reference.
4.2	Amendment to Article 4 of Registrant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation, dated May 15, 1998, filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-56241), effective June 22, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.
4.3	Article II of the Bylaws of the Registrant filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated February 21, 1995, and incorporated herein by reference.
4.4	Amended and Restated Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan of the Registrant dated January 15, 1986, and Amendment No. 1 thereto dated as of June 10, 1986, filed as Exhibit 4(C) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 33-07015), effective July 15, 1986, and Amendment No. 2 thereto filed as a Post-Effective Amendment to Form S-3 (File No. 33-62071) on June 18, 2001, and incorporated by reference.

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- 4.5 All instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt of the Registrant and its subsidiaries. Not filed pursuant to clause 4(iii) of Item 601(b) of Regulation S-K; to be furnished upon request of the Commission.

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5.1	Opinion of Miller, Hamilton, Snider & Odom, L.L.C. as to certain Delaware law issues of the securities being registered.
12	Statements Regarding Computation of Earnings to Fixed Charges, filed as Exhibit 12 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
23.2	Consent of Miller, Hamilton, Snider & Odom, L.L.C.
24	Power of Attorney.

### Item 17. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(b) The Registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide

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offering thereof.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Montgomery, State of Alabama, on the 20th day of August, 2001.

The Colonial BancGroup, Inc.

Signatures -----	Title -----	Date ----
/s/ Robert E. Lowder  Robert E. Lowder	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	**
/s/ W. Flake Oakley, IV  W. Flake Oakley, IV	Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Secretary (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	**
*  Lewis E. Beville	Director	**
*  William Britton	Director	**
*  Jerry J. Chesser	Director	**
*  Augustus K. Clements, III	Director	**
*  Robert S. Craft	Director	**
*  Patrick F. Dye	Director	**
*  Clinton O. Holdbrooks	Director	**

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Signatures -----	Title -----	Date -----
*	Director	**
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John Ed Mathison		
*	Director	**
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Milton E. McGregor		
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John C. H. Miller, Jr.		
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Joe D. Mussafer		
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William E. Powell, III		
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James W. Rane		
*	Director	**
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Frances E. Roper		
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Simuel Sippial		
*	Director	**
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Edward V. Welch		

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 \* The undersigned, acting pursuant to a power of attorney, has signed this Registration Statement on Form S-3 for and on behalf of the persons indicated above as such persons true and lawful, attorney-in-fact and in their names, places and stead, in the capacities indicated above and on the date indicated below.

/s/ W.  
 Flake Oakley, IV

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 W. Flake Oakley, IV Attorney-in-Fact

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\*\* Date: August 20, 2001.

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