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Form 8-K March 07, 2017

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): March 1,

2017

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) 75-1848732 Texas 0-12247

(Commission (IRS Employer

(State or Other Jurisdiction File

of Incorporation) Identification No.) Number)

1201 S. Beckham, 75701

Tyler, Texas

(Address of Principal Executive

Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,

including area code:

(903) 531-7111

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; 5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 1, 2017, Sam Dawson, a member of the Board of Directors of Southside Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company") notified the Company of his intention to resign from the Company's Board of Directors for personal reasons, effective March 1, 2017. Mr. Dawson did not notify the Company of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices. Following Mr. Dawson's resignation as a director, the Board of Directors reduced the size of the Board from fourteen to thirteen directors.

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SIGNATURE

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.

By:/s/ Julie N. Shamburger Julie N. Shamburger, CPA Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 7, 2017