

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HARTLEY BG**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES  
 INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM**

(Street)

**TYLER, TX 75701**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 [SBSI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/09/2009**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Director, COB & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	03/09/2009		M	24,037	A \$ 5.42	188,116	D
Common Stock	03/09/2009		M	402	A \$ 5.42	188,518	D
Common Stock	03/09/2009		M	45,428	A \$ 5	233,946	D
Common Stock	03/09/2009		M	8,873	A \$ 5	242,819	D
Common Stock	03/09/2009		F	29,357	D \$ 13.76	213,462	D

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Common Stock	3,347.43	I	By ESOP for Spouse
Common Stock	20,347.9395	I	By Spouse/Sep. Prop.
Common Stock	18,750.47	I	by ESOP
Common Stock	3,440	I	by Spouse

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 Security (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)	\$ 5	03/09/2009		M	45,428	<u>(1)</u> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	45,428	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	03/09/2009		M	24,037	<u>(2)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	24,037	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5	03/09/2009		M	8,873	<u>(3)</u> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	8,873	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	03/09/2009		M	402	<u>(4)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	402	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

