SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 5

December 29, 2006

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person NORTON JOE	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 for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM					

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(check applicable line)

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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) (A) or		(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's (A) (A) Ownership Beneficially Owned at issuer's (I) Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/24/2006	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	19.11	A	\$ 20.09	3,684.5	I	Self Cust/GrDaughter	
Common Stock	06/19/2006	Â	<u>J(1)</u>	18.08	A	\$ 22.42	3,702.58	I	Self Cust/GrDaughter	
Common Stock	09/14/2006	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	16.22	A	\$ 25.11	3,718.8	I	Self Cust/GrDaughter	
	12/15/2006	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	20.34	A	\$ 25.6	3,739.14	I		

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Common Stock									Self Cust/GrDaughter
Common Stock	03/24/2006	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	9.81	A	\$ 20.09	1,890.13	I	SelfCust/GrSon
Common Stock	06/19/2006	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	9.28	A	\$ 22.42	1,899.41	I	SelfCust/GrSon
Common Stock	09/14/2006	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	8.32	A	\$ 25.11	1,907.73	I	SelfCust/GrSon
Common Stock	12/15/2006	Â	J <u>(1)</u>	10.43	A	\$ 25.6	1,918.16	I	SelfCust/GrSon
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	154,747	D	Â

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative
Security	or Exercise	()	any	Code	of	(Month/Day/		Under		Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative			Securi		(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date		Number	
									of	
					(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
NORTON JOE							
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC	ÂΧ	Â	Â	â			
1201 SOUTH BECKHAM	АЛ	A	A	A			
TYLER. TX 75701							

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Signatures

W. D. (Joe) Norton 12/29/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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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