

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 24, 2012  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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) January 24, 2012

**Southern First Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**South Carolina**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-27719**

(Commission File Number)

**58-2459561**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100, Greenville, SC**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**29606**

(Zip Code)

**(864) 679-9000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 24, 2012, Southern First Bancshares, Inc., holding company for Southern First Bank, N.A., issued a press release announcing its financial results for the period ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 8.01. Other Events**

On January 24, 2012, Southern First Bancshares, Inc., holding company for Southern First Bank, NA, issued a press release announcing a ten percent stock dividend to be distributed on February 17, 2012, to shareholders of record as of February 3, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
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99.1	Earnings Press Release for period ended December 31, 2011.
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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.**

By: /s/ Michael D. Dowling  
Name: Michael D. Dowling  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

January 24, 2012

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## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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