

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 2008

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)

December 17, 2008

**GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP, INC.**

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland

0-18082

43-1524856

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

1451 East Battlefield, Springfield, Missouri

65804

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (417) 887-4400

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N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On December 17, 2008, the Board of Directors of Great Southern Bancorp, Inc., the holding company of Great Southern Bank, declared a quarterly dividend of \$.18 per share. The press release announcing the dividend is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release dated December 17, 2008

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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.

**GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP, INC.**

Date: December 19, 2008

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By: /s/ Joseph W. Turner

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Joseph W. Turner  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99                 | Press release dated December 17, 2008 |

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