FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/ Form 10-Q May 09, 2014

U. S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

x QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED: March 31, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: <u>33-94288</u>

THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF ISSUER AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MISSISSIPPI (STATE OF INCORPORATION) 64-0862173 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

6480 U.S. HIGHWAY 98 WEST HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

39402 (ZIP CODE)

(601) 268-8998 (ISSUER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

NONE

(FORMER NAME, ADDRESS AND FISCAL YEAR, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE ISSUER: (1) HAS FILED ALL REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS (OR FOR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAT THE REGISTRANT WAS REQUIRED TO FILE SUCH REPORTS), AND (2) HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO SUCH FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PAST 90 DAYS.

YES x NO "

INDIATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT HAS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND POSTED ON ITS CORPORATE WEB SITE, IF ANY, EVERY INTERACTIVE DATA FILE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED AND POSTED PURSUANT TO RULE 405 OF REGULATION S-T (§232.405 OF THIS CHAPTER)

DURING THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS (OR FOR SUCH SHORTER PERIOD THAT HE REGISTRANT WAS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AND POST SUCH FILES).

YES x NO "

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT IS A LARGE ACCELERATED FILER, AN ACCELERATED FILER, A NON-ACCELERATED FILER, OR A SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY. SEE THE DEFINITIONS OF "LARGE ACCELERATED FILER," "ACCELERATED FILER," "NON-ACCELERATED FILER," NON-ACCELERATED FILER, "NON ACCELERATED FILER," NON ACCELERATED FILER, "NON ACCELERATED FILER," NON ACCELERATED FILER, "NON ACCELERATED FILER," (NON ACCELERATED FILERATED FI

LARGE ACCELERATED FILER		ACCELERATED FILER	
NON-ACCELERATED FILER	Х	SMALLER REPORTING COMPANY	

ON March 31, 2014, 5,149,280 SHARES OF THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$1.00 PER SHARE WERE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING.

TRANSITIONAL DISCLOSURE FORMAT (CHECK ONE):

YES " NO x

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT IS A SHELL COMPANY (AS DEFINED IN RULE 12B-2 OF THE EXCHANGE ACT):

YES " NO x

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(\$ amounts in thousands)

	(Unaudited) March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks Interest-bearing deposits with banks Federal funds sold	\$ 28,514 31,203 22,261	\$ 24,080 14,205 967
Total cash and cash equivalents	81,978	39,252
Securities held-to-maturity, at amortized cost Securities available-for-sale, at fair value Other securities	8,429 236,460 6,148	8,438 244,051 5,534
Total securities	251,037	258,023
Loans held for sale Loans Allowance for loan losses	2,586 590,947 (5,811)	3,680 579,623 (5,728)
Loans, net	587,722	577,575
Premises and equipment Interest receivable Cash surrender value of life insurance Goodwill Other assets Other real estate owned	31,416 3,431 9,182 10,621 7,959 5,221	32,072 3,292 6,593 10,621 8,992 4,470
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 988,567	\$ 940,890
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES: Deposits: Noninterest-bearing Interest-bearing	\$ 179,334 684,247	\$ 173,794 606,177
TOTAL DEPOSITS	863,581	779,971

Interest payable Borrowed funds Subordinated debentures	351 15,000 10,310	400 52,000 10,310
Other liabilities	11,829	13,101
TOTAL LIABILITIES	901,071	855,782

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Preferred stock, no par value, \$1,000 per share liquidation, 10,000,000 shares authorized;

17,123 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively