

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/
Form 8-K
January 29, 2018

**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) **January 26, 2018**

The First Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi 33-94288 64-0862173

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

6480 U.S. Hwy 98 West, Hattiesburg, MS 39402

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(601) 268-8998**

N/A

(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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 26, 2018, The First Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the fourth quarter of 2017. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein. In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, this information is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 26, 2018, The First Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release announcing the declaration of a \$0.05 per share quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated January 26, 2018, announcing fourth quarter results and the declaration of a cash dividend

SIGNATURES

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

The First Bancshares, Inc.

Date: January 26, 2018

/s/ Donna T. (Dee Dee) Lowery

Name: Donna T. (Dee Dee) Lowery

Title: EVP and CFO