

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DAWSON CHARLES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES
 INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM

(Street)

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Director, President & Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|----------|--|--|---|
| | | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2005 | ^ | J ⁽¹⁾ | 12.88 | A | \$ 20.43 | 2,037.28 | I | by Spouse |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 24,643 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 11,155.42 | I | SSB Tr/self Emp S/P |

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Common Stock ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ 7,590.56 I by ESOP

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.61 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ (A) (D) | ^ (2) 02/07/2006 | Common Stock | 21,38 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.71 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ (A) (D) | ^ (3) 06/05/2007 | Common Stock | 18,62 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.79 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ (A) (D) | ^ (4) 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 29,75 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.27 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ (A) (D) | ^ (5) 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 20,76 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.49 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ (A) (D) | ^ (6) 10/15/2008 | Common Stock | 3,94 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.79 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ (A) (D) | ^ (7) 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 3,74 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.27 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ (A) (D) | ^ (8) 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 346 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DAWSON CHARLES E SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701 | X | | Director, President & Secy. | |

Signatures

Charles E. (Sam) Dawson 01/26/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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.
- (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (6) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (7) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (8) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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