SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GIBSON LEE R

(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. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/20/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/20/2009		M		789	A	$ 5.42	1,350	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		S		789	D	$ 18.43	561	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		M		400	A	$ 5.42	961	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		S		400	D	$ 18.44	561	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		M		311	A	$ 5.42	872	D	

Common Stock	03/20/2009		S	311	D	$ 18.45	561	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		M	757	A	$ 5.42	1,318	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		S	757	D	$ 18.48	561	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		M	743	A	$ 5.42	1,304	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2009		S	743	D	$ 18.5	561	D	
Common Stock							9,508.63	I	by ESOP

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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)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5.42	03/20/2009		M			789	(1)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	789	$
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5.42	03/20/2009		M			400	(1)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	400	$
	$ 5.42	03/20/2009		M			311	(1)	06/10/2009		311	$ 1

Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)								Common Stock		
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5.42	03/20/2009		M	757	(1)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	757	$
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 5.42	03/20/2009		M	743	(1)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	743	$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBSON LEE R SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Lee R. Gibson	03/23/2009
**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) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

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