

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC
Form 8-K
August 22, 2016

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, DC 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) August 22, 2016

Southern First Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-27719

(Commission File Number)

58-2459561

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100, Greenville,
SC**

(Address of principal executive offices)

29606

(Zip Code)

(864) 679-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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

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

ITEM 8.01. Other Events

On August 22, 2016, Southern First Bancshares, Inc., holding company for Southern First Bank, issued a press release announcing its expansion to Raleigh, North Carolina and the hiring of three individuals to lead the expansion into the Triangle Region.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated August 22, 2016. |

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.

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

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| By: | /s/ | Michael D. Dowling |
| Name: | | Michael D. Dowling |
| Title: | | Chief Financial Officer |

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