

GREENVILLE FIRST BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K/A  
December 21, 2006

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K/A**

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) November 8, 2006

**Greenville 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.)

112 Haywood Road, Greenville, S.C.

(Address of principal executive offices)

29607

(Zip Code)

(864) 679-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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### Explanatory Note

On November 8, 2006, the company filed a Form 8-K to announce the appointment of F. Justin Strickland as President of the Company and the Bank. Information regarding Mr. Strickland's base pay was included in the original Form 8-K, but information regarding his signing bonus, equity compensation and supplemental retirement/salary continuation agreement were inadvertently not included in the original Form 8-K. This Form 8-K/A is being filed to reflect such information.

No other changes were made to the original Form 8-K filing or the attached press release as Exhibit 99.1.

### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

#### Item 5.02. Appointment of Principal Officers.

On November 8, 2006, Greenville First Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company"), announced that F. Justin Strickland has been named president of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Greenville First Bank, N.A. (the "Bank"). R. Arthur Seaver, Jr., who has served as president of the Bank and the Company since its inception in 1999, will continue as chief executive officer of the Bank and Company.

The base salary for Mr. Strickland will be \$175,000. The Company has agreed to pay Mr. Strickland a signing bonus of \$55,000, to grant on November 10, 2006 options to purchase 10,000 shares of Company common stock (which will vest over four years and will expire in ten years) with an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company's common stock on such grant date, to grant 2,500 shares of Company common stock under the Company's 2006 Restricted Stock Plan (which shares will vest over four years) and to provide a supplemental retirement/salary continuation agreement by which the Company will provide a post retirement annual benefit of \$100,000 for Mr. Strickland's lifetime or, in the event of his death within 15 years of retirement, for 15 years (and pre-retirement death benefit from bank-owned life insurance equal to three times salary). The Company and Mr. Strickland have formalized a written employment agreement that was filed by the Company on a Form 8-K on December 14, 2006.

Strickland has twenty years of banking experience. For the past fourteen years he has held various executive positions with Carolina First Bank. For the past seven years, he held the position of Midlands Market President for Carolina First Bank in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Strickland is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, The South Carolina Bankers School, and the Graduate School of Banking of the South at LSU. He is currently Chairman Elect of the South Carolina Bankers Association and received its Outstanding Young Banker award in 1999.

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

99.1            Press Release announcing the appointment of F. Justin Strickland as president.

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**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.

**BANCSHARES, INC.**

**GREENVILLE FIRST**

Austin, III

By:     /s/James M.    

Austin, III

Name: James M.

Officer

Title: Chief Financial

Dated: December 21, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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