

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/

Form 8-K

July 18, 2008

**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) **July 18, 2008**

**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:

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

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On July 18, 2008 , The First Bancshares, Inc. announced its declaration of a \$.075 per share quarterly cash dividend. The public announcement was made by means of a news release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 18, 2008.

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**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.  
(Registrant)

Date: July  
18,  
2008

/s/ David E. Johnson  
Name: David E. Johnson  
Title: Chm and CEO