

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/
Form 8-K
January 26, 2017

**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) **January 25, 2017**

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 25, 2017, The First Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary results of operations for the 4th Quarter, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 99.1. In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, this information is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 25, 2017, The First Bancshares, Inc. announced its declaration of a \$0.0375 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. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated January 25, 2017 announcing 4th Quarter, 2016 Earnings and Declaration of a Dividend

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: January 26, 2017

/s/ **Dee Dee Lowery**
Name: Dee Dee Lowery
Title: EVP and CFO