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Form 8-K  
October 26, 2007

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) October 24, 2007

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The First Bancshares, Inc.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi	33-94288	64-0862173
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	----- (Commission File Number)	----- (I.R.S. Employer 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

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N/A  
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(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

- 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 (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 24, 2007, The First Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2007. 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.

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### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 24, 2007, 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 8.01 Other Events

On October 24, 2007, The First Bancshares, Inc. announced the planned purchase of a bank building in Hattiesburg, MS from Regions Financial Corporation as a part of the Regions/AmSouth merger. The building purchase is expected to be made upon completion of customary due diligence procedures. 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

#### (c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 24, 2007.

### 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: October 25, 2007

/s/ Dee Dee Lowery

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Name: Dee Dee Lowery  
Title: CFO and EVP