

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
November 30, 2012

**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): November 30, 2012**

**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Georgia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-13901**  
(Commission

File Number)

**58-1456434**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111**

**31768**  
(Zip Code)

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On November 30, 2012, Ameris Bancorp (the Company) issued a press release announcing the Company's receipt of regulatory approval to repurchase up to \$24 million of the Company's outstanding preferred stock that was originally issued to the U.S. Treasury pursuant to the Troubled Asset Relief Program. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated November 30, 2012.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(principal accounting and financial officer)

Dated: November 30, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press release dated November 30, 2012.