

BANCORPSOUTH INC  
Form 425  
March 10, 2014

**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): March 10, 2014 (March 10, 2014)**

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Mississippi**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**1-12991**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**64-0659571**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**One Mississippi Plaza**

**201 South Spring Street**

**Tupelo, Mississippi**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**38804**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (662) 680-2000**

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 10, 2014, in connection with the distribution of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus to shareholders of Ouachita Bancshares Corp. ( Ouachita ), the Chairman of the board of directors of Ouachita provided a letter to the Ouachita shareholders. A copy of that letter is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated in its entirety herein by reference. Pursuant to Rule 425 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99 attached hereto are deemed to be filed and not furnished.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 Letter from Clyde R. White to Ouachita Bancshares Corp. s Shareholders dated March 10, 2014.

**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.

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**

By: /s/ Cathy S. Freeman  
Cathy S. Freeman

Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: March 10, 2014

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Description
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