

Ameris Bancorp
Form 8-K
September 20, 2018

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): September 20, 2018

Ameris Bancorp

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Georgia | 001-13901 | 58-1456434 |
| (State or Other | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer |
| Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | | Identification No.) |

310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

(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)

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01

Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 20, 2018, Ameris Bancorp (the “Company”) issued a press release regarding certain efficiency initiatives to be implemented by the Company. A copy of that press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this “Report”) as Exhibit 99.1.

A copy of the investor presentation material that the Company will present on September 26, 2018 regarding its initiatives announcement and other matters to attendees at the Stephens 2018 Bank CEO Forum in Little Rock, Arkansas is attached to this Report as Exhibit 99.2. The investor presentation material is also available on the “Investor Relations” page of the Company’s website (<http://www.amerisbank.com>).

The information contained in this Item 7.01 and in Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 attached to this Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. Furthermore, such information shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated September 20, 2018

99.2 Investor Presentation dated September 20, 2018

SIGNATURE

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

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Nicole S. Stokes
Nicole S. Stokes
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 20, 2018