

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2013

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) December 10, 2013

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First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Delaware 001-16715 56-1528994  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)  
of incorporation)  
4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina 27609  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 716-7000

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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:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 10, 2013, Registrant's subsidiary, First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company (FCB), issued the attached news release, regarding the status of the proposed merger of Hendersonville, N.C.-based 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Services Corporation (1<sup>st</sup> Financial) and its bank subsidiary, Mountain 1<sup>st</sup> Bank & Trust Company, into FCB.

The news release, which was jointly issued by FCB and 1<sup>st</sup> Financial, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed with this Report:

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
99.1	Copy of joint news release dated December 10, 2013

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.

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: December 10, 2013 By:

/s/ GLENN D. McCOY  
Glenn D. McCoy, Chief Financial Officer