

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 15, 2004

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 13, 2004

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP, INC.

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland

0-18082

43-1524856

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

1451 East Battlefield, Springfield, Missouri

65804

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (417) 887-4400

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N/A

(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 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On October 13, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its preliminary earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the press release, including unaudited financial information released as a part thereof, is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99 Press release dated October 13, 2004.

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP, INC.**

Date: /s/ Joseph W. Turner

By: /s/ Joseph W. Turner

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Joseph W. Turner, President,  
Chief Executive Officer and Director

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release dated October 13, 2004