

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC  
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# FORM 5

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 STEPHENS JOHN D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5173 PELICAN DRIVE

(Street)

COLLEGE PARK, GA 30349

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/13/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	396,949 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	11,445 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	I	John D. Stephens & Sons, LP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3), 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year), 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year), 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8), 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year), 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. of D S B O E I S F I. Sub-headers: Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for STEPHENS JOHN D, 5173 PELICAN DRIVE, COLLEGE PARK, GA 30349.

Signatures

Lois J. Rich 02/13/2009
Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
(1) Holding reflects 131/130 stock dividends which occurred in October 2008 and January 2009.
(2) Includes 11,445 shares held in the name of a Limited Partnership for which Mr. Stephens is general partner.
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