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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): January 23, 2009 (January 22, 2009)

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi 1-12991 64-0659571

(State or other jurisdiction of Number) Identification No.) incorporation)

One Mississippi Plaza 201 South Spring Street Tupelo, Mississippi

38804

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 22, 2009 BancorpSouth, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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 99.1 Press release issued on January 22, 2009 by BancorpSouth, Inc.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

By: /s/ L. Nash Allen, Jr. L. Nash Allen, Jr.

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 23, 2009

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Exhibit Number Description

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