

Our Name is Our Mission 2009 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Fellow Stockholder,

2009 proved to be an interesting year, but not as profitable as we would have liked. If ServisFirst Bancshares were an eight-cylinder engine, I would say that we were hitting on about six cylinders for most of the year.

I will cover the negatives first. On the expense side, two categories went up - FDIC premiums and credit-related expenses. FDIC premiums for all banks went up dramatically in 2009, and we have no control over that line item. Unfortunately, our stockholders are paying for the poor management of the failed banks and thrifts in the U.S. The other line item, credit-related costs, is entirely our fault. While our credit-related expenses were well below our peer group, they were high by historical standards for a well managed bank. In hindsight, we lent money to some developers and builders who had little liquidity, and I hope we remember this when the good times roll again in the building and development business.

Now let me tell you the good news of 2009. Our deposit growth was tremendous as we benefited from a "flight to quality" from customers of our stressed competitors. We were fortunate to have solid growth in new core relationships that we believe will benefit our stockholders for many years. The downside of this deposit influx is that we could not identify good loans as quickly as the deposits came in, so we had negative earnings on this growth for most of 2009.

Our Dothan Region opened its new main office in 2009, and enjoyed solid growth in 2009. In fact, our Dothan Region has the highest market share of any of our regions, with Birmingham having the lowest. If all of our regions achieve a market share of 10%, which is possible over time, we will be a \$5 billion bank with no additional geographic expansion. We are proud of our seventeen consecutive quarters of profitability, which very few of our peers can say, much less those that are less than five years old. While we have felt a little of the pain that has hit the banking industry, the opportunities that it has created for ServisFirst are greater than I would have ever imagined possible. No one could have written a book as bizarre as the true events in our industry over the past two years.

As you know, we are a public, non-traded company and file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission like all public companies. We have made a decision not to forecast future earnings because we believe "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." While we have achieved some national recognition recently, of which we are proud, I can assure you that we are never satisfied with our performance, and all of our 160 employees will continue to work hard to build stockholder value.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Broughton III Director, President and Chief Executive Officer

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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

		As of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 2008 2007 2006								As of and for the period from 05/02/05 (date of inception) to 12/31/05	
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Selected Balance Sheet Data:	0	1 572 407	e.	1 160 272	6	020.250	6	520.545	0	277.072	
Total assets	Э	1,573,497	Ф	1,162,272 968,233	\$	838,250	\$	528,545	\$	277,963	
Total loans		1,207,084				675,281		440,489 435,071		249,250	
Loans, net Securities available for sale		1,192,173 255,453		957,631 102,339		667,549 87,233		28,119		246,140 924	
Securities available for sale Securities held to maturity		645		102,339		01,233		20,119		924	
Cash and due from banks		26,982		22,844		15,756		15,706		4,188	
Interest-bearing balances with banks		48,544		30,774		34,068		13,700		4,100	
Fed funds sold		680		19,300		16,598		37,607		20,725	
Mortgage loans held for sale		6,202		3,320		2,463		2,902		1,778	
Restricted equity securities		3,241		2,659		1,202		805		230	
Premises and equipment, net		5,088		3,884		4,176		2,605		1,400	
Deposits		1,432,355		1,037,319		762,683		473,348		244,048	
Other borrowings		24,922		20,000		73				211,010	
Trust preferred securities		15,228		15,087		_		_		_	
Other liabilities		3,370		3,082		2,465		2,353		273	
Stockholders' equity		97,622		86,784		72,247		52,288		33,469	
Selected Income Statement Data:		7,,022		00,701		, 2,2 1 /		02,200		55,107	
Interest income	\$	62,197	\$	5,450	\$	51,417	\$	30,610	\$	6,580	
Interest expense	Ψ	18,337	Ψ	20,474	Ψ	25,872	Ψ	13,335	Ψ	2,325	
Net interest income		43,860		34,976		25,545		17,275		4,255	
Provision for loan losses		10,860		6,274		3,541		3,252		3,521	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		33,000		28,702		22,004		14,023		734	
Noninterest income		4,413		2,704		1,441		911		101	
Noninterest expense		28,755		20,576		14,796		8,674		3,161	
Income (loss) before income taxes		8,658		10,830		8,649		6,260		(2,326)	
Income taxes expenses (benefit)		2,780		3,825		3,152		2,189		(840)	
Net income (loss)		5,878		7,005		5,497		4,071		(1,486)	
Per Common Share Data:		5,676		7,005		5,177		1,071		(1,100)	
Net income (loss), basic	\$	1.07	\$	1.37	\$	1.19	\$	1.06	\$	(0.42)	
Net income (loss), diluted	Ψ	1.02	Ψ	1.31		1.16		1.06	Ψ	(0.42)	
Book value		17.71		16.15		14.13		11.71		9.56	
Weighted average shares outstanding:											
Basic		5,485,972		5,114,194		4,631,047		3,831,881		3,500,000	
Diluted		5,787,643		5,338,883		4,721,864		3,846,111		3,500,000	
Actual shares outstanding		5,513,482		5,374,022		5,113,482		4,463,607		3,500,000	
Selected Performance Ratios:		-,, -		.,,.		., .,		,,		-,,	
Return on average assets		0.43%		0.71%	Ď	0.78%		1.02%		(1.40)%	
Return on average stockholders' equity		6.33%		9.28%		9.40%		9.96%		(6.65)%	
Net interest margin(1)		3.31%		3.70%		3.78%		4.60%		4.21%	
Efficiency ratio(2)		59.57%		54.61%		54.83%		50.67%		72.56%	
Asset Quality Ratios:											
Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding		0.60%		0.41%	Ď	0.23%	,	0.28%		0.53%	
Non-performing loans to total loans		1.01%		1.02%		0.66%		0.00%		0.28%	
Non-performing assets to total assets		1.57%		1.74%		0.73%		0.11%		0.25%	
Allowance for loan losses to total gross loans		1.24%		1.09%		1.15%		1.23%		1.25%	
Allowance for loan losses to total non-performing loans	S	122.34%		108.17%		173.94%		5,418.00%		446.20%	
Liquidity Ratios:								.,		2070	
Net loans to total deposits		83.23%		92.32%	, D	87.53%		91.91%		100.86%	
Net average loans to average earning assets		80.06%		85.84%		77.19%		89.34%		76.35%	
Noninterest-bearing deposits to total deposits		14.75%		11.71%		11.15%		15.05%		20.40%	
Capital Adequacy Ratios:		270				/(.2.2270		20.070	
Stockholders' equity to total assets(3)		6.10%		7.38%	ó	8.50%		9.89%		12.04%	
Total risk-based capital(4)		10.48%		11.25%		11.22%		11.58%		13.42%	
Tier I capital(5)		8.89%		10.18%		10.12%		10.49%		12.28%	
Leverage ratio(6)		6.97%		9.01%		8.40%		10.32%		14.32%	
Growth Ratios:		0.5770		2.017		0.1070		-0.52/0		1270	
Percentage change in net income		-16.1%		27.43%	ń	35.00%		373.93%		n/a	
Percentage change in diluted net income per share		-22.5%		12.93%		13.21%		352.38%		n/a	
Percentage change in assets		35.38%		38.65%		58.59%		90.15%		n/a	
Percentage change in net loans		24.49%		45.45%		53.43%		76.76%		n/a	
Percentage change in deposits		38.08%		36.00%		61.13%		93.96%		n/a n/a	
Percentage change in equity		12.49%		20.12%		38.18%		56.23%		n/a	

- 1. Net interest margin is the net yield on interest earning assets and is the difference between the interest yield earned on interest-earning assets and interest rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities, divided by average earning assets.
- 2. Efficiency ratio is the result of noninterest expense divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income.
- 3. Total stockholders' equity excluding unrealized losses on securities available for sale, net of taxes, divided by total assets.
- 4. Total stockholders' equity excluding unrealized losses on securities available for sale, net of taxes, and intangible assets plus allowance for loan losses (limited to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets) divided by total risk-weighted assets. The FDIC required minimum to be well-capitalized is 10%.
- 5. Total stockholders' equity excluding unrealized losses on securities available for sale, net of taxes, and intangible assets divided by total risk-weighted assets. The FDIC required minimum to be well-capitalized is 6%.
- 6. Total stockholders' equity excluding unrealized losses on securities available for sale, net of taxes, and intangible assets divided by average assets less intangible assets. The FDIC required minimum to be well-capitalized is 5%; however, the Alabama Banking Department has required that the Bank maintain a Tier 1 capital leverage ratio of 7%.

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STOCKHOLDER INFORMATION

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. will be held at Dothan Country Club, 200 South Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL 36301 on Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., Central Daylight Time.

Form 10-K

Form 10-K is ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc.'s annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc.'s 10-K is included as part of this Annual Report, and additional copies may be obtained free of charge by writing to us at 850 Shades Creek Parkway, Suite 200, Birmingham, Alabama 35209, Attn.: Investor Relations

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Available Information

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these reports. You may also obtain a copy of any such report free of charge from us by requesting such copy in writing to 850 Shades Creek Parkway, Suite 200, Birmingham, Alabama 35209 Attn.: Investor Relations. This Annual Report and accompanying exhibits and all other reports and filings that we file with the SEC will be available for the public to view and copy (at prescribed rates) at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of such information at the prescribed rates from the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains such reports, proxy and information statements, and other information as we file electronically with the SEC by clicking on http://www.sec.gov.

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