SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC Form 8-K June 27, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) June 27, 2016

Southern First Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-27719

(Commission File Number)

58-2459561 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100, Greenville, SC (Address of principal executive offices)

29606 (Zip Code)

(864) 679-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

ITEM 8.01. Other Events

On June 27, 2016, Southern First Bancshares, Inc., holding company for Southern First Bank, issued a press release announcing that it was added to the small-cap Russell 2000[®] Index as part of the 2016 Russell indexes reconstitution.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated June 27, 2016.

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.

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.

/s/

By: Name: Title: Michael D. Dowling Michael D. Dowling Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Number Description 99.1 Press Release dated June 27, 2016.