

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2010

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 10, 2010

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)                            | 001-16715<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 56-1528994<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |
| 4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina<br>(Address of principal executive offices) |  | 27609<br>(Zip Code)                                   |

Registrant's phone number including area code: 919/716-7000

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)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 UCT 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements with Certain Officers.

On November 10, 2010, David L. Ward, Jr., age 75, announced he would retire as a member of our board of directors effective December 31, 2010.

On November 16, 2010, Lewis T. Nunnelee, II, age 84, announced he would retire as a member of our board of directors effective December 31, 2010.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ KENNETH A. BLACK  
Date: November 17, 2010

Kenneth A. Black, Vice President