

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/
Form 8-K
October 25, 2004

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)

October 25, 2004

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

0-16471
(Commission

File Number)

56-1528994
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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3128 Smoketree Court; Raleigh, North Carolina
(Address of principal executive offices)

27604
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

919-716-7000

(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:

- .. 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)
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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 25, 2004, Registrant announced its results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004. A copy of Registrant's press release issued this date is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Report and is incorporated by reference into this Report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being filed with this Report:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Exhibit Description</u> |
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| 99 | Copy of press release dated October 25, 2004 |

Disclosures About Forward Looking Statements

The discussions included in this Report and its exhibits may contain forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995, including Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. For the purposes of these discussions, any statements that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward looking statements. Such statements are often characterized by the use of qualifying words such as expects, anticipates, believes, estimates, plans, projects, or other statements concerning opinions or judgments of the Registrant and its management about future events. The accuracy of such forward looking statements could be affected by such factors as, including but not limited to, the financial success or changing conditions or strategies of the Registrant's customers or vendors, fluctuations in interest rates, actions of government regulators, the availability of capital and personnel or general economic conditions.

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

Kenneth A. Black,

Vice President

Date: October 25, 2004