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FORM 10-K
ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2006**
Commission File number **1-11826**

MIDSOUTH BANCORP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana
(State of Incorporation)

72-1020809
(I.R.S. EIN Number)

102 Versailles Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70501
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(337) 237-8343**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
<u>Common Stock, \$.10 par value</u>	<u>American Stock Exchange, Inc.</u>

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: none

Indicate by check mark if this registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Yes o No x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.
Yes o No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act.)

Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter was approximately \$88,783,651. As of February 28, 2007, there were 6,271,941 outstanding shares of MidSouth Bancorp, Inc. common stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10-14 of this Form 10-K.

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PART I

Item 1 - Business.

The Company

MidSouth Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") is a Louisiana corporation registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. Its operations are conducted primarily through two wholly owned bank subsidiaries (the "Banks"), MidSouth Bank, N.A. ("MidSouth LA"), chartered in February 1985, and MidSouth Bank, Texas ("MidSouth TX"), acquired in October 2004.

The Banks

MidSouth LA is a national banking association domiciled in Lafayette, Louisiana. MidSouth TX is a state-chartered bank domiciled in Beaumont, Texas. The Banks provide a broad range of commercial and retail community banking services primarily to professional, commercial, and industrial customers in their market areas. These services include, but are not limited to, interest bearing and non-interest bearing checking accounts, investment accounts, cash management services, electronic banking services, credit card, and secured and unsecured loan products. The Banks are U.S. government depositories and are members of the Pulse network, which provides its customers with automatic teller machine services through the Pulse and Cirrus networks. Membership in the Community Cash Network provides the customers of MidSouth LA and MidSouth TX with access to all ATMs operated by the Banks with no surcharge. The MidSouth Franchise operates twenty-nine locations throughout south Louisiana and southeast Texas described below under "Item 2 - Properties."

Employees

As of December 31, 2006, the Banks employed approximately 371 full-time equivalent employees. The Company has no employees who are not also employees of the Banks. Through the Banks, employees receive employee benefits, which include an employee stock ownership plan, a 401(K) plan, and life, health and disability insurance plans. The Company's directors, officers, and employees are important to the success of the Company and play a key role in business development by actively participating in the communities served by the Company. The Company considers the relationships of the Banks with their employees to be very good.

Competition

The Banks face strong competition in their market areas from both traditional and non-traditional financial services providers, such as commercial banks, savings banks, credit unions, finance companies, mortgage companies, leasing companies, insurance companies, money market mutual funds, brokerage houses, and branches that provide credit facilities. Several of the financial services competitors in the Company's market areas are substantially larger and have far greater resources, but the Company has effectively competed by building long-term customer relationships and customer loyalty through a continued focus on quality customer service enhanced by current technology and effective delivery systems.

Other factors, including economic, legislative, and technological changes, also impact the Company's competitive environment. The Company's management continually evaluates competitive challenges in the financial services industry and develops appropriate responses consistent with its overall market strategy.

The Company opened two new branches in 2006, continuing its primary focus of growing in existing markets with new branches. In 2007, the Company plans to continue its expansion in southern Louisiana as well as solidifying and expanding its banking presence and commercial lending base throughout Houston and southeast Texas. The Company

is continually receptive to new growth opportunities in both our existing markets and locations that are in accordance with our long-term strategic goal of building shareholder wealth.

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Supervision and Regulation

Participants in the financial services industry are subject to varying degrees of regulation and government supervision. The following contains important aspects of the supervision and regulation of banks and bank holding companies. The current system of laws and regulations can change over time and it cannot be predicted whether these changes will be favorable or unfavorable to the Company or the Banks.

Bank Holding Companies

General. As a bank holding company, the Company is subject to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (the "Act") and to supervision by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve Board"). The Act requires the Company to file periodic reports with the Federal Reserve Board and subjects the Company to regulation and examination by the Federal Reserve Board. The Act also requires the Company to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board for acquisitions of substantially all of the assets of any bank or bank holding company or more than 5% of the voting shares of any bank or bank holding company. The Act prohibits the Company from engaging in any business other than banking or bank-related activities specifically allowed by the Federal Reserve Board, including the modifications to the Act brought about by the enactment of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act ("GLB") of 1999.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. This financial services reform legislation (1) permits commercial banks to affiliate with investment banks, (2) permits companies that own commercial banks to engage in any type of financial activity, and (3) allows subsidiaries of banks to engage in a broad range of financial activities beyond those permitted for banks themselves. As a result, banks, securities firms, and insurance companies are able to combine much more readily.

Under provisions of GLB, two new types of regulated entities are authorized to engage in a broad range of financial activities much more extensive than those of standard holding companies. A "financial holding company" can engage in all newly-authorized activities and is simply a bank holding company whose depository institutions are well-capitalized, well-managed, and has a Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") rating of "satisfactory" or better. The Company is not registered as a financial holding company. A "financial subsidiary" is a direct subsidiary of a bank that satisfies the same conditions as a "financial holding company" plus several more. The "financial subsidiary" can engage in most of the newly-authorized activities, which are defined as securities, insurance, merchant banking/equity investment, "financial in nature," and "complementary" activities.

GLB also defines the concept of "functional supervision" meaning similar activities should be regulated by the same regulator, with the Federal Reserve Board serving as an "umbrella" supervisory authority over bank and financial holding companies.

Support of Subsidiary Banks by Holding Companies. Under current Federal Reserve Board policy, the Company is expected to act as a source of financial strength for the Banks and to commit resources to support the Banks in circumstances where it might not do so absent such policy. In addition, any loans by a bank holding company to a subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and certain other indebtedness of the subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company's bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank at a certain level would be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to priority of payment.

Limitations on Acquisitions of Bank Holding Companies. As a general proposition, other companies seeking to acquire control of a bank holding company, such as the Company, would require the approval of the Federal Reserve Board under the Act. In addition, individuals or groups of individuals seeking to acquire control of a bank holding company would need to file a prior notice with the Federal Reserve Board (which the Federal Reserve Board may

disapprove under certain circumstances) under the Change in Bank Control Act. Control is conclusively presumed to exist if an individual or company acquires 25% or more of any class of voting securities of the bank holding company. Control may exist under the Change in Bank Control Act if the individual or company acquires 10% or more of any class of voting securities of the bank holding company.

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Signed into law on July 30, 2002, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“SOX”) addresses many aspects of corporate governance and financial accounting and disclosure. Primarily, it provides a framework for the oversight of public company auditing and for insuring the independence of auditors and audit committees. Under SOX, audit committees are responsible for the appointment, compensation, and oversight of the work of external and internal auditors. SOX also provides for enhanced and accelerated financial disclosures, establishes certification requirements for a company’s chief executive and chief financial officers and imposes new restrictions on and accelerated reporting of certain insider trading activities. Significant penalties for fraud and other violations are included in SOX.

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Under Section 404 of SOX, the Company is required to include in its annual report a statement of management's responsibility to establish and maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting and management's conclusion on the effectiveness of internal controls at year-end. Additionally, independent auditors will be required to attest to and report on management's evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting.

Anti-Money Laundering. Financial institutions must maintain anti-money laundering programs that include established internal policies, procedures, and controls; a designated compliance officer; an ongoing employee training program; and testing of the program by an independent audit function. The Company and the Banks are also prohibited from entering into specified financial transactions and account relationships and must meet enhanced standards for due diligence and "knowing your customer" in their dealings with foreign financial institutions and foreign customers. Financial institutions must take reasonable steps to conduct enhanced scrutiny of account relationships to guard against money laundering and to report any suspicious transactions, and recent laws provide the law enforcement authorities with increased access to financial information maintained by banks. Anti-money laundering obligations have been substantially strengthened as a result of the USA Patriot Act, enacted in 2001. Bank regulators routinely examine institutions for compliance with these obligations and are required to consider compliance in connection with the regulatory review of applications. The regulatory authorities have been active in imposing "cease and desist" orders and money penalty sanctions against institutions found in violation of these obligations.

Capital Adequacy Requirements. The Federal Reserve Board, the Office of the Comptroller of Currency for MidSouth LA and the FDIC for MidSouth TX require that the Company and the Banks meet certain minimum ratios of capital to assets in order to conduct their activities. Two measures of regulatory capital are used in calculating these ratios: Tier 1 Capital and Total Capital. Tier 1 Capital generally includes common equity, retained earnings and a limited amount of qualifying preferred stock, reduced by goodwill and certain other intangible assets, such as core deposit intangibles, and certain other assets. Total Capital generally consists of Tier 1 Capital plus the allowance for loan losses, preferred stock that did not qualify as Tier 1 Capital, certain types of subordinated debt and a limited amount of other items.

The Tier 1 Capital ratio and the Total Capital ratio are calculated against an asset total weighted for risk. Certain assets, such as cash and U. S. Treasury securities, have a zero risk weighting. Others, such as commercial and consumer loans, often have a 100% risk weighting. Assets also include amounts that represent the potential funding of off-balance sheet obligations such as loan commitments and letters of credit. These potential assets are assigned to risk categories in the same manner as funded assets. The total assets in each category are multiplied by the appropriate risk weighting to determine risk-adjusted assets for the capital calculations.

The leverage ratio also provides a measure of the adequacy of Tier 1 Capital, but assets are not risk-weighted for this calculation. Assets deducted from regulatory capital, such as goodwill and other intangible assets, are also excluded from the asset base used to calculate capital ratios. The minimum capital ratios for both the Company and the Banks are generally 8% for Total Capital, 4% for Tier 1 Capital and 4% for leverage.

At December 31, 2006, the Company's ratios of Tier 1 and total capital to risk-weighted assets were 11.11% and 11.96%, respectively. The Company's leverage ratio (Tier 1 capital to total average adjusted assets) was 8.34% at December 31, 2006. All three regulatory capital ratios for the Company and the Banks exceeded regulatory minimums at December 31, 2006.

To be eligible to be classified as "well-capitalized," the Banks must generally maintain a Total Capital ratio of 10% or greater, a Tier 1 Capital ratio of 6% or greater, and a leverage ratio of 6% or more. If an institution fails to remain well-capitalized, it will be subject to a series of restrictions that increase as the capital condition worsens. For instance, federal law generally prohibits a depository institution from making any capital distributions, including the payment of a dividend, or paying any management fee to its holding company, if the depository institution would be

undercapitalized as a result. Undercapitalized depository institutions may not accept brokered deposits absent a waiver from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and are subject to growth limitations, and must submit a capital restoration plan that is guaranteed by the institution's parent holding company. Significantly undercapitalized depository institutions may be subject to a number of requirements and restrictions, including orders to sell sufficient voting stock to become adequately capitalized, requirements to reduce total assets, and cessation of receipt of deposits from correspondent banks. Critically undercapitalized institutions are subject to the appointment of a receiver or conservator.

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As of December 31, 2006, the most recent notification from the FDIC placed MidSouth LA and MidSouth TX in the "well capitalized" category under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. All three regulatory capital ratios for the Banks exceeded these minimums at December 31, 2006.

National and State Banks

General. As a national banking association, MidSouth LA is supervised and regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (its primary regulatory authority), the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Under Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act, the Bank is restricted in its ability to extend credit to or make investments in the Company and other affiliates as that term is defined in that act. National banks are required by the National Bank Act to adhere to branch banking laws applicable to state banks in the states in which they are located and are limited as to powers, locations and other matters of applicable federal law.

As a state-chartered bank, MidSouth TX is supervised and regulated by the Texas Department of Banking and the FDIC. The Texas Constitution provides that a Texas-chartered state bank has the same rights and privileges that are or may be granted to national banks domiciled in Texas. Texas law provides that a Texas-chartered bank can establish a branch anywhere in Texas provided that the branch is approved in advance by the Texas Department of Banking and the FDIC.

Restrictions on loans to directors, executive officers, principal shareholders, and their related interests (collectively referred to herein as "insiders") are contained in the Federal Reserve Act and Regulation O and apply to all insured institutions and their subsidiaries and holding companies. These restrictions include limits on loans to one borrower and conditions that must be met before such a loan can be made. There is also an aggregate limitation on all loans to insiders and their related interests. These loans cannot exceed the institution's unimpaired capital and surplus, and the FDIC may determine that a lesser amount is appropriate. Insiders are subject to enforcement actions for knowingly accepting loans in violation of applicable restrictions.

Deposit Insurance. The Banks' deposits are insured by the FDIC up to the amount permitted by law. The Banks are thus subject to FDIC deposit insurance premium assessments. The FDIC uses a risk-based assessment system that assigns insured depository institutions to different premium categories based primarily on each institution's capital position and its overall risk rating as determined by its primary regulator. In 2006, the Banks paid no deposit insurance premiums, but were required to pay Financing Corporation ("FICO") assessments authorized by the Deposit Insurance Funds Act of 1996 for payment of interest on FICO bonds.

Beginning in 2007, annual premium rates on deposit insurance will range from five to seven basis points per \$100 of assessable deposits for institutions that are judged to pose the least risk to the insurance fund and up to 43 basis points per \$100 of assessable deposits for the most risky institutions. In 2007, the cost of deposit insurance for the Banks will be partially offset by a one-time assessment credit allowed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005. Assessment credits will be applied to reduce deposit insurance assessments payable beginning in June of 2007.

Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act. The Banks are held liable by the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 ("FIRREA") for any losses incurred by, or reasonably expected to be incurred by, the FDIC in connection with (1) the default of a commonly controlled FDIC-insured financial institution or (2) any assistance provided by the FDIC to a commonly controlled financial institution in danger of default.

Community Reinvestment Act. MidSouth LA is subject to the provisions of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, as amended ("CRA"), and the related regulations issued by federal banking agencies. The CRA states that all banks have a continuing and affirmative obligation, consistent with safe and sound operation, to help meet the credit needs for their entire communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The CRA also charges a

bank's primary federal regulator, in connection with the examination of the institution or the evaluation of certain regulatory applications filed by the institution, with the responsibility to assess the institution's record in fulfilling its obligations under the CRA. The regulatory agency's assessment of the institution's record is made available to the public. MidSouth LA received a satisfactory rating following its most recent CRA examination.

Consumer Regulation. Activities of the Banks are subject to a variety of statutes and regulations designed to protect consumers. These laws and regulations include provisions that:

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- govern the Banks' disclosures of credit terms to consumer borrowers;
- limit the interest and other charges collected or contracted for by the Banks;
- require the Banks to provide information to enable the public and public officials to determine whether it is fulfilling its obligation to help meet the housing needs of the community it serves;
- prohibit the Banks from discriminating on the basis of race, creed, or other prohibited factors when it makes decisions to extend credit;
- require that the Banks safeguard the personal nonpublic information of its customers, provide annual notices to consumers regarding the usage and sharing of such information, and limit disclosure of such information to third parties except under specific circumstances; and
 - govern the manner in which the Banks may collect consumer debts.

The deposit operations of the Banks are also subject to laws and regulations that:

- require the Banks to adequately disclose the interest rates and other terms of consumer deposit accounts;
- impose a duty on the Banks to maintain the confidentiality of consumer financial records and prescribe procedures for complying with administrative subpoenas of financial records; and
- govern automatic deposits to and withdrawals from deposit accounts with the Banks and the rights and liabilities of customers who use automated teller machines and other electronic banking services.

Governmental Policies

The operations of financial institutions may be affected by the policies of various regulatory authorities. In particular, bank holding companies and their subsidiaries are affected by the credit policies of the Federal Reserve Board. An important function of the Federal Reserve Board is to regulate the national supply of bank credit. Among the instruments of monetary policy used by the Federal Reserve Board to implement its objectives are open market operations in United States Government securities, changes in the discount rate on bank borrowings, and changes in reserve requirements on bank deposits. These policies have significant effects on the overall growth and profitability of the loan, investment, and deposit portfolios. The general effects of such policies upon future operations cannot be accurately predicted.

Available Information

The Company files annual, quarterly, and current reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The public may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The SEC Internet site's address is <http://www.sec.gov>. The Company maintains a corporate website at www.midsouthbank.com. We provide public access free of charge to our annual reports on Form 10-K for the last five years, and our most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q under the Corporate Relations section of our corporate website.

Item 1A – Risk Factors

An investment in the Company's stock involves a number of risks. Investors should carefully consider the following risks as well as the other information in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the documents incorporated by reference before making an investment decision. The realization of any of the risks described below could have a material adverse affect on the Company and the price of its common stock.

Risks Relating to the Company's Business

Decisions regarding credit risk involve a high degree of judgment. If the allowance for loan losses is not sufficient to cover actual losses, then earnings would decrease.

The loan and investment portfolio subjects the Company to credit risk. In-depth analysis is performed to maintain an appropriate allowance for loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio. During 2006, recorded provisions for loan losses totaled \$850,000 based on an overall evaluation of this risk. As of December 31, 2006, the allowance was \$4.98 million, which is about 1% of total loans.

There is no precise method of predicting loan losses and, therefore, the Company faces the risk that additional increases in the allowance for loan losses will be required. Additions to the allowance will result in a decrease in net earnings and capital and could hinder the Company's ability to grow.

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The Company has a concentration of exposure to a number of individual borrowers. Given the size of these loan relationships relative to capital levels and earnings, a significant loss on any one of these loans could materially and adversely affect the Company.

The Company has a concentration of exposure to a number of individual borrowers. The largest exposure to one borrowing relationship as of December 31, 2006, was approximately \$6.1 million, which is 11.5% of combined capital and surplus. In addition, as of December 31, 2006, the aggregate exposure to the 10 largest borrowing relationships was approximately \$44.7 million, which was 84.1% of capital and surplus.

The Company has a high concentration of loans secured by real estate, and a downturn in the real estate market could materially and adversely affect earnings.

A significant portion of our loan portfolio is dependent on real estate. At December 31, 2006, approximately 51% of the Company's loans had real estate as a primary or secondary component of collateral. The collateral in each case provides an alternate source of repayment if the borrower defaults and may deteriorate in value during the time the credit is extended. An adverse change in the economy affecting values of real estate in the Company's primary markets could significantly impair the value of collateral and the ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure. Furthermore, it is likely that the Company would be required to increase the provision for loan losses. If the Company were required to liquidate the collateral securing a loan to satisfy the debt during a period of reduced real estate values or to increase the allowance for loan losses, the Company's profitability and financial condition could be adversely impacted.

The Company may face risks with respect to future expansion and acquisition.

The Company has expanded its business in part through acquisitions and cannot assure the continuance of this trend or the profitability of future acquisitions. The Company's ability to implement its strategy for continued growth depends on the ability to continue to identify and integrate profitable acquisition targets, to attract and retain customers in a highly competitive market, the growth of those customers' businesses, and the ability to increase the deposit base. Many of these growth prerequisites may be affected by circumstances that are beyond the control of the Company's management and could have a material adverse effect on the size and quality of the Company's assets.

An economic downturn or a natural disaster, especially one affecting the Company's market areas, could adversely affect the Company.

Since most of the Company's business is conducted in Louisiana and Texas most of the credit exposure is in those states; thus, the Company is at risk from adverse economic or business developments, including a downturn in real estate values and agricultural activities, and natural hazards such as hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes that affect Louisiana and Texas. If the economies of Louisiana or Texas experience an overall decline as a result of these adverse developments or natural hazards, the rates of delinquencies, foreclosures, bankruptcies, and losses on loan portfolios would probably increase substantially and the value of real estate or other collateral could be adversely affected.

Competition from other financial intermediaries may adversely affect the Company's profitability.

The Company faces substantial competition in originating loans and in attracting deposits. The competition in originating loans comes principally from other U.S. banks, mortgage banking companies, consumer finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies, and other institutional lenders and purchasers of loans. Many of the Company's competitors are institutions that have significantly greater assets, capital, and other resources. Increased competition could require the Company to increase the rates paid on deposits or lower the rates offered on loans,

which could adversely affect and also limit future growth and earnings prospects.

The Company's profitability is vulnerable to interest rate fluctuations.

The Company's profitability is dependent to a large extent on net interest income, which is the difference between our interest income on interest-earning assets, such as loans and investment securities, and interest expense on interest bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings. When interest bearing liabilities mature or reprice more quickly than interest-earning assets in a given period, a significant increase in market rates of interest could adversely affect net interest income. Conversely, when interest-earning assets mature or reprice more quickly than interest bearing liabilities, falling interest rates could result in a decrease in net interest income.

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In periods of increasing interest rates, loan originations may decline, depending on the performance of the overall economy, which may adversely affect income from these lending activities. Also, increases in interest rates could adversely affect the market value of fixed income assets. In addition, an increase in the general level of interest rates may affect the ability of certain borrowers to pay the interest and principal on their obligations.

The Company relies heavily on its management team and the unexpected loss of key officers may adversely affect operations.

The Company's success has been and will continue to be greatly influenced by the ability to retain existing senior management and, with expansion, to attract and retain qualified additional senior and middle management. C.R. Cloutier, President and Chief Executive Officer, and other executive officers have been instrumental in developing and managing the business. The loss of services of Mr. Cloutier or any other executives could have an adverse effect on the Company. While the Company has employment agreements with Mr. Cloutier and other executive officers, a formal management succession plan has been established. Accordingly, should the Company lose any member of senior management, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to locate and hire a qualified replacement on a timely basis.

A favorable assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, and the independent auditors' unqualified attestation report on that assessment are critical to the value of the Company's common stock.

The Company's management is required to report on, and the independent auditors to attest to, the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006. The rules governing the standards that must be met for management to assess internal controls are new and complex, and require significant documentation, testing, and possible remediation. In connection with this effort, the Company has incurred increased expenses and diversion of management's time and other internal resources. In connection with the attestation process by the Company's independent auditors, management may encounter problems or delays in completing the implementation of any requested improvements and receiving a favorable attestation. If the Company cannot make the required report, or if the Company's external auditors are unable to provide an unqualified attestation, investor confidence and the Company's common stock price could be adversely affected.

Monetary policy and other economic factors could affect profitability adversely.

Many factors affect the demand for loans and the ability to attract deposits, including:

- changes in governmental economic and monetary policies;
- modifications to tax, banking, and credit laws and regulations;
- national, state, and local economic growth rates;
- employment rates; and
- population trends.

The Company's success will depend in significant part upon the ability to maintain a sufficient interest margin between the rates of interest received on loans and other investments and the rates paid out on deposits and other liabilities. The monetary and economic factors listed above, and the need to pay rates sufficient to attract deposits, may adversely affect the Company's ability to maintain an interest margin sufficient to result in operating profits.

The Company operates within a highly regulated industry and its business and results are significantly affected by the regulations to which it is subject.

The Company operates within a highly regulated environment. The regulations to which the Company is subject will continue to have a significant impact on its operations and the degree to which it can grow and be profitable. Certain regulators, to which the Company is subject, have significant power in reviewing the Company's operations and approving its business practices. In recent years the Company's banks, as well as other financial institutions, have experienced increased regulation and regulatory scrutiny, often requiring additional resources. In addition, investigations or proceedings brought by regulatory agencies may result in judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, or other results adverse to the Company. There is no assurance that any change to the regulatory requirements to which the Company is subject, or the way in which such regulatory requirements are interpreted or enforced, will not have a negative effect on the Company's ability to conduct its business and its results of operations.

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The Company relies heavily on technology and computer systems. The negative effects of computer system failures and unethical individuals with the technological ability to cause disruption of service could significantly affect the Company's operations.

The Company's ability to compete depends on the ability to continue to adapt and deliver technology on a timely and cost-effective basis to meet customers' demands for financial services.

Risks Relating to an Investment in the Company's Common Stock

Share ownership may be diluted by the issuance of additional shares of common stock in the future.

The Company's stock incentive plan provides for the granting of stock incentives to directors, officers, and employees. As of December 31, 2006, there were 192,059 shares issuable under options granted under that plan. Likewise, a number of shares equal to 8% of outstanding shares, including existing shares issuable under current options, are reserved for future issuance to directors, officers, and employees.

It is probable that options will be exercised during their respective terms if the stock price exceeds the exercise price of the particular option. The incentive plan also provides that all issued options automatically and fully vest upon a change in control. If the options are exercised, share ownership will be diluted.

In addition, the Company's articles of incorporation authorize the issuance of up to 10,000,000 shares of common stock and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, but do not provide for preemptive rights to the stockholders. Authorized but unissued shares are available for issuance by the Company's Board. Shareholders will not automatically have the right to subscribe for additional shares. As a result, if the Company issues additional shares to raise capital or for other corporate purposes, shareholders may be unable to maintain a pro rata ownership in the Company.

The holders of the Company's trust preferred securities have rights that are senior to those of shareholders.

At December 31, 2006, the Company had outstanding \$15.5 million of trust preferred securities. Payment of these securities is senior to shares of common stock. As a result, the Company must make payments on the trust preferred before any dividends can be paid on common stock; hence, in the event of bankruptcy, dissolution, or liquidation, the holders of the trust preferred securities must be satisfied before any distributions can be made to shareholders. The Company has the right to defer distributions on the trust preferred for up to five years, and if such an election is made, no dividends may be paid to stockholders during that time.

The directors of the Company and executive management own a significant number of shares of stock, allowing further control over business and corporate affairs.

The Company's directors and executive officers beneficially own approximately 2,572,950 shares, or 41.2%, of outstanding stock. As a result, in addition to their day-to-day management roles, they will be able to exercise significant influence on the Company's business as shareholders, including influence over election of the Board and the authorization of other corporate actions requiring shareholder approval.

Provisions of the Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws, Louisiana law, and state and federal banking regulations, could delay or prevent a takeover by a third party.

The Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws could delay, defer, or prevent a third party takeover, despite possible benefit to the shareholders, or otherwise adversely affect the price of the common stock. The Company's

governing documents:

- require Board action to be taken by a majority of the entire Board rather than a majority of a quorum;
 - permit shareholders to fill vacant Board seats only if the Board has not filled the vacancy within 90 days;
 - permit directors to be removed by shareholders only for cause and only upon an 80% vote;
 - require an 80% shareholder vote to amend the Bylaws (85% in the case of certain provisions), a 75% vote to approve amendments to the Articles (85% in the case of certain provisions) and a 66-2/3% vote for any other proposal, in each case if the proposed action was not approved by two-thirds of the entire Board;
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- require 80% of the voting power for shareholders to call a special meeting;
- authorize a class of preferred stock that may be issued in series with terms, including voting rights, established by the Board without shareholder approval;
- authorize approximately 10 million shares of common stock that may be issued by the Board without shareholder approval;
- classify our Board with staggered three year terms, preventing a change in a majority of the Board at any annual meeting;
- require advance notice of proposed nominations for election to the Board and business to be conducted at a shareholder meeting; and
 - require supermajority shareholder voting to approve business combinations not approved by the Board.

These provisions would preclude a third party from removing incumbent directors and simultaneously gaining control of the board by filling the vacancies thus created with its own nominees. Under the classified Board provisions, it would take at least two elections of directors for any individual or group to gain control of the board. Accordingly, these provisions could discourage a third party from initiating a proxy contest, making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to gain control. These provisions may have the effect of delaying consideration of a stockholder proposal until the next annual meeting unless a special meeting is called by the board or the chairman of the Board. Moreover, even in the absence of an attempted takeover, the provisions make it difficult for shareholders dissatisfied with the Board to effect a change in the Board's composition, even at annual meetings.

Also, the Company is subject to the provisions of the Louisiana Business Corporation Law ("LBCL"), which provides the Company may not engage in certain business combinations with an "interested shareholder" (generally defined as the holder of 10.0% or more of the voting shares) unless (1) the transaction was approved by the Board before the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder or (2) the transaction was approved by at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting shares not beneficially owned by the interested shareholder and 80% of the total voting power or (3) certain conditions relating to the price to be paid to the shareholders are met.

The LBCL also addresses certain transactions involving "control shares," which are shares that would have voting power with respect to us within certain ranges of voting power. Control shares acquired in a control share acquisition have voting rights only to the extent granted by resolution approved by our shareholders. If control shares are accorded full voting rights and the acquiring person has acquired control shares with a majority or more of all voting power, shareholders of the issuing public corporation have dissenters' rights as provided by the LBCL.

The Company's future ability to pay dividends is subject to restrictions.

Since the Company is a holding company with no significant assets other than the Banks, the Company has no material source of income other than dividends received from these Banks. Therefore, the ability to pay dividends to the shareholders will depend on the Banks' ability to pay dividends to the Company. Moreover, banks and bank holding companies are both subject to certain federal and state regulatory restrictions on cash dividends. The Company is also restricted from paying dividends if it has deferred payments of the interest on, or an event of default has occurred with respect to, its trust preferred securities.

A shareholder's investment is not an insured deposit.

An investment in the Company's common stock is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. A shareholder's investment will be subject to investment risk, and the shareholder must be capable of affording the loss of the entire investment.

Item 1B – Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2 - Properties

The Company leases its principal executive and administrative offices and principal MidSouth LA facility in Lafayette, Louisiana under a lease expiring March 31, 2017. The Company is granted two 5-year renewal options thereafter. MidSouth LA has eight other branches in Lafayette, Louisiana, three in New Iberia, Louisiana, and one banking office in each of the following Louisiana cities: Baton Rouge, Breaux Bridge, Cecilia, Jeanerette, Opelousas, Morgan City, Jennings, Lake Charles, Sulphur, Thibodaux, and Houma. Seventeen of these offices are owned and six are leased. MidSouth TX operates three full service branches in Beaumont, Texas, including its headquarters located at 555 N. Dowlen Road in Beaumont, two of which are owned and one leased. Additional full service branches are located in Vidor, College Station, and Conroe.

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Over the next twelve months, the Company's strategic plan to grow the franchise will result in several additional branches to service the customers of MidSouth LA and MidSouth TX. Two branches are planned to open in the Baton Rouge market in late May 2007 and mid-November of 2007. A new branch in Cutoff and a second branch in Lake Charles are scheduled to open in June and October 2007, respectively. In the existing Texas markets, second locations in both Conroe and College Station are scheduled to open in August and November, respectively. Expansion into the Houston market will begin with a new branch on the Sam Houston Parkway anticipated to open in early April 2007. Costs associated with opening the new branches will directly impact earnings throughout 2007 and any substantial contributions to income will not be reflected until 2008.

Item 3 - Legal Proceedings

The Banks have been named as a defendant in various legal actions arising from normal business activities in which damages of various amounts are claimed. While the amount, if any, of ultimate liability with respect to such matters cannot be currently determined, management believes, after consulting with legal counsel, that any such liability will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

Item 4 - Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of the Company's security holders in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Item 4A - Executive Officers of the Registrant

C. R. Cloutier, 59 – President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Company and MidSouth LA since 1984.

Karen L. Hail, 53 – Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of MidSouth LA since 2002, and Secretary and Treasurer of the Company since 1984.

Donald R. Landry, 50 – Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer of MidSouth LA since 1995 and Executive Vice President since 2002.

Jennifer S. Fontenot, 52 - Senior Vice President since 1995 and Chief Information Officer of MidSouth LA since 2002.

Dwight Utz, 53 - Senior Vice President of Retail Banking since 2001; prior to his employment at MidSouth LA, Mr. Utz was a Corporate Vice President for PNC Bank Corporation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from 1973 to 2000.

Teri S. Stelly, 47 - Senior Vice President and Controller of the Company since 1998.

Christopher J. Levanti, 40 – Joined MidSouth LA as Senior Vice President of Credit Administration in 2002; prior to his employment at MidSouth LA, Mr. Levanti was Senior Credit Manager at First Data Merchant Services in Melville, New York from 2000 to 2002.

J. Eustis Corrigan, Jr., 42 – Joined the Company in June 2006 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the Company and the Banks; prior to his employment with the Company, Mr. Corrigan was a partner at KPMG, LLP from 1998 to 2006. Mr. Corrigan began his employment with KPMG in 1991.

All executive officers of the Company are appointed for one year terms expiring at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual shareholders meeting next succeeding his or her election and until his or her successor is

elected and qualified.

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As of February 28, 2007, there were 822 common shareholders of record. The Company's common stock trades on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "MSL." The high and low sales price for the past eight quarters has been provided in the Selected Quarterly Financial Data tables that are included with this filing under Item 8 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Cash dividends totaling \$1,463,373 were declared to common stockholders during 2006. A quarterly dividend of \$.06 per share was paid for the first, second, and third quarters of 2006. As adjusted for a 25% stock dividend paid on October 23, 2006, cash dividends for the first three quarters of 2006 totaled \$.14 per share. A special dividend of \$.03 per share was declared in addition to the \$.06 per share for the fourth quarter of 2006, bringing the total cash dividends declared in 2006 to \$.23 per share. It is the intention of the Board of Directors of the Company to continue paying quarterly dividends on the common stock at a rate of \$.06 per share. Cash dividends totaling \$1,425,326 were declared to common stockholders during 2005. The regular quarterly dividend of \$.06 per share was paid for each quarter of 2005 and a special dividend of \$.06 per share was paid in addition to the \$.06 per share for the fourth quarter of 2005. As adjusted for a 10% stock dividend in 2005 and the 25% stock dividend in 2006, cash dividends paid in 2005 totaled \$.23 per share. Restrictions on the Company's ability to pay dividends are described in Item 7 below under the heading "Liquidity - Dividends" and in Note 12 to the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The following table provides information with respect to purchases made by or on behalf of the Company or any "affiliated purchaser," as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rule 10b-8(a)(3), of equity securities during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2006. In addition to the repurchases detailed below, a total of 19,462 shares were added to Treasury Stock through a 25% stock dividend paid on October 23, 2006.

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of a Publicly Announced Plan¹	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet be Purchased Under the Plan¹
October 2006	6,703	\$ 28.20	6,703	213,780
November 2006	4,940	\$ 29.45	4,940	208,840
December 2006	10,000	\$ 29.90	10,000	198,840

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

As of December 31, 2006, the Company had outstanding stock options granted under the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, which was approved by the Company's shareholders. Provided below is information regarding the Company's equity compensation plans under which the Company's equity securities are authorized for issuance as of December 31, 2006.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
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Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	192,059	\$	11.18	306,900
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	-		-	-
Total	192,059	\$	11.18	306,900

¹ Under a share repurchase program approved by the Company's Board of Directors on November 13, 2002, the Company can repurchase up to 5% of its common stock outstanding through open market or privately negotiated transactions. The repurchase program does not have an expiration date.

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The following graph, which was prepared by SNL Securities LC (“SNL”), compares the cumulative total return on the Company’s common stock over a period beginning December 31, 2001 with (1) the cumulative total return on the stocks included in the Russell 3000 and (2) the cumulative total return on the stocks included in the SNL \$250M - \$500M and the SNL \$500M - \$1B Bank Index. All of these cumulative returns are computed assuming the quarterly reinvestment of dividends paid during the applicable period.

<i>Index</i>	<i>Period Ending</i>					
	12/31/01	12/31/02	12/31/03	12/31/04	12/30/05	12/31/06
MidSouth Bancorp, Inc.	100.00	151.73	307.64	332.74	369.98	538.90
Russell 3000	100.00	78.46	102.83	115.11	122.16	141.35
SNL \$250M-\$500M Bank Index	100.00	128.95	186.31	211.46	224.51	234.58
SNL \$500M-\$1B Bank Index	100.00	127.67	184.09	208.62	217.57	247.44

The stock price information shown above is not necessarily indicative of future price performance. Information used was obtained by SNL from sources believed to be reliable. The Company assumes no responsibility for any errors or omissions in such information.

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	Year Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Interest income	\$ 50,235,104	\$ 38,555,576	\$ 27,745,570	\$ 24,230,450	\$ 24,125,789
Interest expense	(17,651,128)	(10,787,142)	(5,693,397)	(4,679,685)	(6,709,231)
Net interest income	32,583,976	27,768,434	22,052,173	19,550,765	17,416,558
Provision for loan losses	(850,000)	(979,737)	(991,480)	(550,000)	(1,398,250)
Other operating income	12,337,736	12,249,608	9,220,928	7,597,780	6,921,388
Other expenses	(33,124,139)	(29,326,273)	(20,859,859)	(17,970,856)	(17,082,360)
Income before taxes	10,947,573	9,712,032	9,421,762	8,627,689	5,857,336
Provision for income taxes	(2,727,523)	(2,438,165)	(2,442,331)	(2,294,376)	(1,428,253)
Net Income	8,220,050	7,273,867	6,979,431	6,333,313	4,429,083
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 8,220,050	\$ 7,273,867	\$ 6,979,431	\$ 6,333,313	\$ 4,429,083
Basic earnings per share ¹	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.81
Diluted earnings per share ¹	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.79
Dividends per share ¹	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.13
Total loans	\$ 499,045,702	\$ 442,793,749	\$ 386,471,421	\$ 261,872,776	\$ 227,052,226
Total assets	805,021,686	698,814,421	610,087,872	432,914,305	382,686,993
Total deposits	716,179,541	624,938,100	530,382,792	374,388,482	343,474,846
Cash dividends on common stock	1,463,373	1,425,326	1,112,360	992,648	725,286
Long-term obligations ²	15,465,000	15,465,000	15,465,000	7,217,000	7,785,030
Selected ratios:					
Loans to assets	61.99%	63.36%	63.35%	60.49%	59.33%
Loans to deposits	69.68%	70.85%	72.87%	69.95%	66.10%
Deposits to assets	88.96%	89.43%	86.94%	86.48%	89.75%
Return on average assets	1.08%	1.13%	1.39%	1.56%	1.20%
Return on average common equity ³	14.68%	14.24%	18.73%	20.90%	17.59%

¹ On October 23, 2006, the Company paid a 25% stock dividend on its common stock to holders of record on September 29, 2006. On August 19, 2005, a 10% stock dividend was paid to holders of record on July 29, 2005. On November 30, 2004, a 25% stock dividend was paid to holders of record on October 29, 2004. On August 29, 2003, a 10% stock dividend was paid to holders of record on July 31, 2003. Per common share data has been adjusted accordingly.

² On September 20, 2004, the Company issued \$8,248,000 of junior subordinated debentures to partially fund the acquisition of Lamar Bancshares, Inc. (MidSouth TX) on October 1, 2004. On February 21, 2001, the Company completed the issuance of \$7,217,000 of junior subordinated debentures. For regulatory purposes, these funds qualify as Tier 1 Capital. For financial reporting purposes, these funds are included as a liability under generally accepted accounting principles.

³ In 2004, the return on average common equity ratio reflected the impact of approximately \$9 million in goodwill added as a result of the Lamar Bancshares, Inc. acquisition.

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Item 7 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Position and Results of Operations

MidSouth Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") is a multi-bank holding company that conducts substantially all of its business through its wholly-owned subsidiary banks (the “Banks”), MidSouth Bank, N.A., headquartered in Lafayette, Louisiana (“MidSouth LA”) and MidSouth Bank, headquartered in Beaumont, Texas (“MidSouth TX”). Following is management's discussion of factors that management believes are among those necessary for an understanding of the Company's financial statements. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto presented herein.

Forward Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for disclosure of information about a company’s anticipated future financial performance. This act protects a company from unwarranted litigation if actual results differ from management expectations. This management’s discussion and analysis reflects management’s current views and estimates of future economic circumstances, industry conditions, and the Company’s performance and financial results based on reasonable assumptions. A number of factors and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from the anticipated results and expectations expressed in the discussion. These factors and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- changes in interest rates and market prices that could affect the net interest margin, asset valuation, and expense levels;
- changes in local economic and business conditions that could adversely affect customers and its ability to repay borrowings under agreed upon terms and/or adversely affect the value of the underlying collateral related to the borrowings;
 - increased competition for deposits and loans which could affect rates and terms;
- changes in the levels of prepayments received on loans and investment securities that adversely affect the yield and value of the earning assets;
- a deviation in actual experience from the underlying assumptions used to determine and establish the Allowance for Loan Losses (“ALL”);
 - changes in the availability of funds resulting from reduced liquidity or increased costs;
- the timing and impact of future acquisitions, the success or failure of integrating operations, and the ability to capitalize on growth opportunities upon entering new markets;
 - the ability to acquire, operate and maintain effective and efficient operating systems;
- increased asset levels and changes in the composition of assets which would impact capital levels and regulatory capital ratios;
 - loss of critical personnel and the challenge of hiring qualified personnel at reasonable compensation levels;
 - changes in government regulations applicable to financial holding companies and banking; and
 - acts of terrorism, weather, or other events beyond the Company’s control.

Critical Accounting Policies

Certain critical accounting policies affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements. The Company’s significant accounting policies are described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in this report. The accounting principles followed by the Company and the methods of applying these principles conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and general banking practices. The Company’s most critical accounting policy relates to its allowance for loan losses, which reflects the estimated losses resulting from the inability of its borrowers to make loan payments. If the financial condition of its borrowers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, the Company’s estimates would be updated and additional provisions for loan losses may be required. See “– Asset Quality – Allowance for Loan Losses.” Another of the Company’s critical accounting policies

relates to its goodwill and intangible assets. Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," goodwill is not amortized, but is evaluated for impairment annually. If the fair value of an asset exceeds the carrying amount of the asset, no charge to goodwill is made. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value of the asset, goodwill will be adjusted through a charge to earnings.

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The Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123R “Share-Based Payment (Revised 2004),” on January 1, 2006 on a modified prospective basis. The Company had previously adopted SFAS No. 123 on January 1, 2005. Among other things, SFAS No. 123R eliminates the ability to account for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value based method of accounting and requires that such transactions be recognized as compensation expense in the income statement based on its fair values on the date of the grant. SFAS No. 123R requires that management make assumptions including stock price volatility and employee turnover that are utilized to measure compensation expense. The fair value of stock options granted is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions.

Overview

The Company’s growth strategy is focused on three principal components: internal growth and strategic de novo branching, technological upgrades, and continual staff development. The Company focuses on internal growth and identification of de novo branch opportunities that enhance franchise value. Each retail region operates with a regional president accountable for the Company’s performance in their market and is compensated accordingly. The Company is investing significantly in the infrastructure required to enhance voice and data communications. Management believes that this infrastructure can accommodate substantial additional growth while enabling the Company to minimize operational costs through certain economies of scale. The Company also intends to continue their focus on attracting new hires key to de novo projects and developing existing staff.

Recent Transactions

On January 2, 2007, the Company paid their regular quarterly dividend of \$.06 per share and an additional \$.03 special dividend to their common stockholders of record as of December 14, 2006. On October 23, 2006, the Company paid a five-for-four (25%) stock dividend on their common stock to holders of record on September 29, 2006.

Results of Operations

The Company’s net income for the year ended December 31, 2006 totaled \$8.2 million compared to \$7.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. Basic earnings per share were \$1.32 and \$1.19 for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Diluted earnings per share were \$1.30 for the year ended December 2006 compared to \$1.15 per share earned for the year ended December 2005. Net income increased \$946,000, or 13.0%. Total interest income increased \$11.7 million or 30.3% in 2006, driven by a 14.8% increase in the average volume of loans combined with an 85 basis point improvement in average loan yields. The improvement in interest income was partially offset by a \$6.9 million increase in interest expense, which resulted primarily from an 18.5% increase in the average volume of interest bearing deposits and a 98 basis point increase in the average rate paid on interest bearing deposits in 2006. Non-interest income increased \$88,128 in annual comparison, due primarily to a \$631,000 pre-tax special distribution included in non-interest income recorded in 2005. The special distribution proceeds were remitted to the Company as a result of the merger of Pulse EFT Association and Discover Financial Services, Inc. The resulting \$4.9 million increase in total net interest and non-interest income was invested in franchise growth through market development, staff development, and system upgrades, which resulted in increased non-interest expenses of \$3.8 million for 2006.

The Company’s total consolidated assets increased \$106.2 million or 15.2% from \$698.8 million at December 31, 2005 to \$805.0 million at December 31, 2006. Total loans grew \$56.2 million or 12.7%, from \$442.8 million at December 31, 2005 to \$499.0 million at December 31, 2006, primarily in real estate credits. Total deposits grew \$91.2 million or 14.6%, from \$624.9 million at December 31, 2005 to \$716.2 million at December 31, 2006. Of the \$91.2 million growth in deposits, \$4.6 million was in non-interest bearing deposits at December 31, 2006. Interest bearing deposits

increased \$86.6 million, primarily in the Company's Platinum money market and checking accounts.

Nonperforming assets, including loans 90 days or more past due, totaled \$2.3 million at December 31, 2006 compared to \$3.4 million at December 31, 2005. The decrease resulted primarily from a \$2.4 million decrease in loans past due 90 days or more and accruing, which included approximately \$1.2 million in payoffs received on government-guaranteed loans in the fourth quarter of 2006. Nonaccrual loans increased \$1.1 million in annual comparison, primarily due to the addition of one agricultural loan totaling \$684,000 related to sugar cane production and one construction credit totaling \$457,000. As a percentage of total assets, nonperforming assets decreased from .49% at December of 2005 to .29% at December of 2006.

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Net loan charge-offs for 2006 were \$228,000 or .05% of average loans compared to \$476,000 or .12% of average loans a year earlier. The Company provided \$850,000 for loan losses in 2006 compared to \$979,737 in 2005 to bring the ALL as a percentage of total loans to 1.0% at year-end 2006 compared to .98% at year-end 2005. The decrease in provisions was due primarily to an additional provision of \$300,000 expensed in the fourth quarter of 2005 to cover probable losses in agricultural credits as a result of the hurricanes.

The Company's leverage ratio was 8.34% at December 31, 2006, compared to 8.75% at December 31, 2005. Return on average common equity was 14.68% for 2006 compared to 14.24% for 2005. Return on average assets was 1.08% compared to 1.13% for the same periods, respectively.

Table 1
Summary of Return on Equity and Assets

	2006	2005	2004
Return on average assets	1.08%	1.13%	1.39%
Return on average common equity	14.68%	14.24%	18.37%
Dividend payout ratio on common stock	18.14%	19.60%	15.94%
Average equity to average assets	7.35%	7.94%	7.43%

Earnings AnalysisNet Interest Income

The primary source of earnings for the Company is net interest income, which is the difference between interest earned on loans and investments and interest paid on deposits and other interest bearing liabilities. Changes in the volume and mix of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities combined with changes in market rates of interest greatly affect net interest income. The Company's net interest margin on a taxable equivalent basis, which is net interest income as a percentage of average earning assets, was 4.91%, 4.96%, and 4.96% for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. The net interest margin remained unchanged from 2004 to 2005 as volume and rate increases in average earning assets were offset by increases in volume and rate on average interest bearing liabilities. Tables 2 and 3 analyze the changes in net interest income for each of the three year periods ended December 31, 2006.

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Table 2
Consolidated Average Balances, Interest and Rates
(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,								
	2006			2005			2004		
	Average Volume	Average Interest	Average Yield/Rate	Average Volume	Average Interest	Average Yield/Rate	Average Volume	Average Interest	Average Yield/Rate
Assets									
Investment securities and interest bearing deposits ¹									
Taxable	\$ 98,378	\$ 4,471	4.54%	\$ 78,909	\$ 3,098	3.93%	\$ 83,614	\$ 2,822	3.37%
Tax exempt ²	93,918	4,803	5.11%	77,134	3,809	4.94%	68,313	3,398	4.97%
Other investments	2,377	80	3.37%	2,615	75	2.87%	2,172	46	2.10%
Total investments	194,673	9,354	4.80%	158,658	6,982	4.40%	154,099	6,266	4.07%
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell									
	23,528	1,134	4.82%	10,254	344	3.35%	10,576	117	1.11%
Loans									
Commercial and real estate									
Installment	376,827	32,894	8.73%	322,974	24,996	7.74%	246,284	17,414	7.07%
Total loans ³	97,693	8,251	8.45%	90,251	7,336	8.13%	53,164	4,933	9.28%
Total earning assets	474,520	41,145	8.67%	413,225	32,332	7.82%	299,448	22,347	7.46%
Allowance for loan losses	692,721	51,633	7.45%	582,137	39,658	6.81%	464,123	28,730	6.19%
Nonearning assets	(4,686)			(4,026)			(3,061)		
Total assets	73,568			65,168			40,426		
	\$ 761,603			\$ 643,279			\$ 501,488		
Liabilities and stockholders' equity									
NOW, money market, and savings									
Certificates of deposits	\$ 388,880	\$ 12,085	3.11%	\$ 309,364	\$ 6,398	2.07%	\$ 229,809	\$ 2,522	1.10%
Total interest bearing deposits	117,149	4,053	3.46%	117,635	3,060	2.60%	111,580	2,251	2.02%
Federal funds purchased and	506,029	16,138	3.19%	426,999	9,458	2.21%	341,389	4,773	1.40
	3,365	151	4.49%	4,307	118	2.74%	6,364	89	1.41%

securities sold under agreements to repurchase									
FHLB advances	649	33	5.08%	980	28	2.86%	1,197	15	1.22%
Junior subordinated debentures	15,465	1,329	8.60%	15,465	1,183	7.65%	9,461	816	8.63%
Total interest bearing liabilities	525,508	17,651	3.36%	447,751	10,787	2.41%	358,411	5,693	1.59%
Demand deposits	176,353			139,946			103,651		
Other liabilities	3,733			4,511			2,163		
Stockholders' equity	56,009			51,071			37,263		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 761,603			\$ 643,279			\$ 501,488		
Net interest income and net interest spread		\$ 33,982	4.09%		\$ 28,871	4.40%		\$ 23,037	4.60%
Net yield on interest earning assets			4.91%			4.96%			4.96%

¹ Securities classified as available-for-sale are included in average balances and interest income figures reflect interest earned on such securities.

² Interest income of \$1,398,000 for 2006, \$1,102,000 for 2005, and \$985,000 for 2004 is added to interest earned on tax-exempt obligations to reflect tax equivalent yields using a 34% tax rate.

³ Interest income includes loan fees of \$3,400,000 for 2006, \$3,054,000 for 2005, and \$2,025,000 for 2004. Nonaccrual loans are included in average balances and income on such loans is recognized on a cash basis.

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Table 3
Changes in Taxable-Equivalent Net Interest Income
(in thousands)

	2006 Compared to 2005			2005 Compared to 2004		
	Total Increase (Decrease)	Change Attributable To Volume Rates		Total Increase (Decrease)	Change Attributable To Volume Rates	
Taxable-equivalent earned on:						
Investment securities and interest bearing deposits						
Taxable	\$ 1,373	\$ 1,102	\$ 271	\$ 276	\$ (144)	\$ 420
Tax exempt	994	857	137	411	434	(23)
Other investments	5	(6)	11	29	10	19
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreement to resell						
	790	591	199	227	(4)	231
Loans, including fees	8,813	5,097	3,716	9,985	8,867	1,118
Total	11,975	7,641	4,334	10,928	9,163	1,765
Interest paid on:						
Interest bearing deposits						
	6,680	1,975	4,705	4,685	1,415	3,270
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase						
	33	(30)	63	28	(14)	42
FHLB advances	5	(3)	8	13	(2)	15
Junior subordinated debentures	146	-	146	368	446	(78)
Total	6,864	1,942	4,922	5,094	1,845	3,249
Taxable-equivalent net interest income	\$ 5,111	\$ 5,699	\$ (588)	\$ 5,834	\$ 7,318	\$ (1,484)

NOTE: Changes due to both volume and rate have generally been allocated to volume and rate changes in proportion to the relationship of the absolute dollar amounts to the changes in each.

Net interest income (on a taxable-equivalent basis) increased \$5.1 million for 2006 over 2005 and \$5.8 million for 2005 over 2004. Average earning assets increased \$110.6 million, or 19.0%, from \$582.1 million at December 31, 2005 to \$692.7 million at December 31, 2006. The yield on average earning assets increased 64 basis points, from 6.81% to 7.45% in annual comparison. Loan yields improved 85 basis points, from 7.82% at December 31, 2005 to 8.67% at December 31, 2006, due primarily to the impact of a 100 basis point increase in New York Prime ("Prime") in 2006 on the Banks' large variable priced loan portfolio. These volume and rate increases on earning assets resulted in an increase of \$12.0 million in taxable-equivalent interest income. The \$12.0 million increase was partially offset by a \$6.9 million increase in interest paid on interest bearing liabilities. Competitive pressures and a relatively flat yield curve resulted in a 95 basis point increase in the cost of interest bearing liabilities, from 2.41% at December 31, 2005 to 3.36% at December 31, 2006.

In 2005, a 38% increase in the average volume of loans combined with a 36 basis point improvement in average loan yields contributed greatly to the \$5.8 million increase in net interest income. The average yield on the loan portfolio

increased from 7.46% in 2004 to 7.82% in 2005. Loan yields improved as the Company's variable rate loans adjusted to increases in Prime throughout the year. Prime increased 200 basis points to 7.25% at year-end 2005. A \$10.9 million improvement in taxable-equivalent interest income was partially offset by a \$5.1 million increase in interest expense resulting primarily from a 25% increase in the average volume of interest bearing deposits and an 81 basis point increase in the average rate paid on interest bearing deposits in 2005.

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In the investment portfolio, the Company continued to conservatively invest excess cash flows from deposit growth in investment securities that yielded reasonable returns in the relatively flat yield curve environment experienced in 2006. The average volume of investment securities increased \$36.0 million in 2006, from \$158.7 million in 2005 to \$194.7 million. Average taxable-equivalent yields on investment securities increased 40 basis points, from 4.40% in 2005 to 4.80% in 2006. Additionally, the volume of federal funds sold increased \$13.3 million and the average yield on federal funds sold improved 147 basis points to 4.82% in 2006 compared to 2005. Accordingly, the taxable-equivalent interest income on investment securities increased \$3.2 million in 2006 as compared to 2005. In 2005, the average volume of investment securities increased \$4.6 million, from \$154.1 million in 2004 to \$158.7 million in 2005, while federal funds sold volume remained flat. Average taxable-equivalent yields on investment securities increased to 4.40% in 2005, up 33 basis points from 4.07% in 2004. Improvement in investment volume and yields, including federal funds sold, increased interest income on investment securities \$943,000 for 2005.

The Company maintained its strong core non-interest bearing deposit base with 26% of average total deposits in 2006 compared to 25% in 2005 and 23% in 2004. The interest bearing deposit mix consisted of 57% in NOW, money market, and savings deposits, and 17% in certificates of deposit, primarily due to growth in the Company's Platinum money market and checking accounts. The Platinum accounts offer competitive market rates to the Company's depositors. The Platinum rates increased the average cost of NOW, money market, and savings dollars by 104 basis points to 3.11% in 2006, up from 2.07% in 2005. In 2005, the mix of average total interest bearing deposits was 54% NOW, money market and savings deposits, and 21% certificates of deposit. These two categories of interest bearing deposits were 52% and 25% of average total deposits, respectively, in 2004. The shift from certificates of deposit to interest bearing transaction accounts reflects the Company's retail strategy of developing a long term banking relationship with depositors. The Company typically offers certificates of deposit at mid-to-low market rates, but a special promotional rate of 5.13% on a 13 month certificate of deposit was offered in the fourth quarter of 2006. The promotional rate contributed to an 86 basis point increase in the average yield on certificates of deposit in 2006, from 2.60% in 2005 to 3.46%. The Company also ran a special promotional rate in 2005 of 4.00% on a 20 month certificate of deposit offered in conjunction with the Company's celebration of MidSouth LA's 20 year anniversary. The promotional rate contributed to the 58 basis point increase in the average yield on certificates of deposit to 2.60% in 2005, up from 2.02% in 2004.

Interest expense on the Company's junior subordinated debentures increased 95 basis points, from 7.65% in 2005 to 8.60% in 2006 due to increases in the variable rate paid on the \$8.2 million in debentures. The \$8.2 million in debentures, issued on September 20, 2004, carry a floating rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR plus 2.50%, adjustable and payable quarterly. The rate on these debentures at December 31, 2006 was 7.865%. In 2005, the yield on the junior subordinated debentures decreased 98 basis points, as the blended cost of the variable rate \$8.2 million debentures partially offset the effect of the higher fixed rate \$7.2 million fixed rate debentures. Although the 3-month LIBOR increased 197 basis points during 2005, the rate of 7.00% at December 31, 2005 on the \$8.2 million in debentures was significantly lower than the 10.2% fixed rate on the \$7.2 million in debentures. The \$8.2 million in debentures mature on September 20, 2034 and, under certain circumstances, are subject to repayment on September 20, 2009 or thereafter. On February 22, 2001, the Company issued the \$7.2 million of junior subordinated debentures. The \$7.2 million in debentures carry a fixed interest rate of 10.20% and mature on February 22, 2031 and, under certain circumstances, are subject to repayment on February 22, 2011, or thereafter.

Non-Interest Income

Excluding Securities Transactions. Service charges and fees on deposit accounts represent the primary source of non-interest income for the Company. Income from service charges and fees on deposit accounts (including insufficient funds fees) increased \$474,271 in 2006 compared to a \$1.3 million increase in 2005. Approximately \$700,000 of the \$1.3 million increase in 2005 resulted from the impact of twelve months of income associated with MidSouth TX compared to three months in 2004. The service charge structures on transaction accounts have not

changed over the past three years and are on the lower end of fees charged by competitors in the Company's markets. The insufficient funds fee was increased on July 1, 2006 from \$23.47 to \$24.47 per NSF item, still well below competitors NSF charges in the Company's markets.

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Non-interest income resulting from other charges and fees decreased \$378,205 in 2006 and increased \$1.83 million in 2005. The decrease in 2006 resulted primarily from a \$631,000 pre-tax special distribution received from Pulse EFT Association in connection with its merger with a subsidiary of Discover Financial Services, Inc. Net of the \$631,000 distribution, other charges and fees increased approximately \$250,000 in 2006. The increase resulted primarily from a \$424,000 increase in ATM and debit card income partially offset by a decrease of \$181,000 in mortgage processing fees. The increase in ATM and debit card income resulted from continued increases in the volume of electronic banking transactions. In 2005, an increase in the volume of transactions resulted in a \$320,000 increase realized in ATM and debit card income. The majority of the remaining \$749,000 increase in 2005 resulted from the twelve months of MidSouth TX income in 2005 versus three months in 2004.

Securities Transactions. In 2006, MidSouth LA purchased two agency securities from the investment portfolio of MidSouth TX to provide additional liquidity and to maintain intercompany borrowings within regulatory limits. A minimal net loss of \$7,553 was recorded on the transaction in 2006. Net gains on sales of securities totaled \$385 in 2005 and \$132,450 in 2004. The Company liquidated two mutual funds held by the Banks in the first quarter of 2005, with a gain on one fund offsetting the loss on the second fund. Gains on sales of securities for 2004 resulted almost entirely from the sale of a correspondent bank's common stock in July of 2004. The Company no longer utilized any services with the correspondent bank and therefore liquidated its stock position.

Non-interest Expense

Total non-interest expense increased 13%, or \$3.8 million, from 2005 to 2006, and 40%, or \$8.5 million, from 2004 to 2005. Included in the \$8.5 million increase in 2005 was \$5.3 million in non-interest expenses contributed to twelve months of MidSouth TX expenses in 2005 versus three months in 2004. The Company's growth and expansion over the past three years resulted in increases primarily in salaries and employee benefits, occupancy expenses, marketing expenses, and education and travel expenses. These increases reflect the Company's long-term investment in staff development, system upgrades, and market development.

Salaries and employee benefits increased \$2.5 million, or 18%, in 2006 and the Company ended the year with 371 full-time equivalent ("FTE") employees, an increase of 34 over 2005. Staff additions for two new branches and new hires in lending, call center, retail support staff, and administrative staff contributed to the increased salary and benefit costs in 2006. Salaries and employee benefits increased \$3.6 million, or 35%, in 2005, due to an increase in FTE employees from 300 in 2004 to 337 in 2005. Net of the impact of twelve months expenses associated with the MidSouth TX employees, salary expense increases in 2005 resulted primarily from the addition of staff for new offices in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Houma. Two former bank presidents were added in 2005 to lead the Company's entry into the Baton Rouge market. Retail managers were added at all three new offices.

Occupancy expenses increased \$872,443 in 2006 and \$1.3 million in 2005 and included the cost of two additional MidSouth LA offices added in 2006 and three MidSouth LA offices added in 2005. Also included in occupancy expenses for 2006 is a \$248,000 impairment charge incurred in connection with the replacement and upgrade of the Company's communications network. Occupancy expenses in 2005 were also impacted by twelve months of expenses associated with the MidSouth TX offices versus three months in 2004. Premises and equipment additions and leasehold improvements totaled approximately \$9.7 million, \$6.6 million, and \$3.7 million for the years 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Total other non-interest expense increased \$419,533 in 2006 and \$3.6 million in 2005, of which approximately \$3.2 million was attributed to twelve months of MidSouth TX expenses in 2005 compared to three months in 2004. The increase in 2006 resulted primarily from increases of \$238,120 in ATM and debit card processing expenses due to a higher volume of items processed, \$153,073 in accounting and professional fees, \$140,675 in marketing costs, and \$140,015 in recruiting and applicant expenses. These increases were partially offset by a \$164,430 decrease in

expenses on other real estate owned and decreases in other miscellaneous non-interest income expenses.

Net of the additional nine months of MidSouth TX expenses, 2005 other non-interest expense increases were recorded primarily in marketing expenses, education and travel expenses, and professional fees. Marketing expenses increased \$465,000 primarily due to MidSouth LA's 20th anniversary celebration during 2005, grand opening events for the new offices, and costs associated with a new advertising campaign. Additionally, MidSouth TX held a deposit promotion during the second half of 2005 that added to the increase in marketing expenses. Education and travel expenses increased \$232,928 primarily due to training and travel associated with MidSouth TX data processing conversion in the second quarter of 2005. Professional fees increased \$274,811, primarily as a result of internal controls documentation in preparation for compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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Income Taxes

The Company's tax expense increased by \$289,358 in 2006 and decreased by \$4,166 in 2005 and approximated 25% of income before taxes in both 2006 and 2005. Increased interest income on non-taxable municipal securities lowered income tax expense in 2006 and 2005 and reduced taxes from the expected statutory rate of 34%. Interest income on non-taxable municipal securities also lowered the effective tax rate for 2004 to approximately 26%. The Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements provide additional information regarding the Company's income tax considerations.

Balance Sheet Analysis

Investment Securities

Total investment securities increased \$37.5 million in 2006, from \$159.0 million in 2005 to \$196.6 million at December 31, 2006. The increase results primarily from excess cash flows from deposit growth, net of cash used to fund loans, invested in short-term agencies and tax-free municipal securities. The investment in short-term agencies offered some improvement over the rate earned on federal funds sold. Investment securities decreased \$7.1 million in 2005, from \$166.1 million in 2004 to \$159.0 million. The decrease resulted primarily from the sale of two mutual funds totaling \$9.1 million held by the Banks. Average duration of the portfolio was 3.36 years as of December 31, 2006 and the average taxable-equivalent yield was 4.80%. For the year ended December 31, 2005, average duration of the portfolio was 3.22 years and the average taxable-equivalent yield was 4.40%. An increase in the market value of securities available-for-sale of \$264,486 is included in the net change in 2006. Unrealized net losses in the securities available-for-sale portfolio were \$1,300,202 at December 31, 2006, compared to unrealized net losses of \$1,564,689 at December 31, 2005. These amounts result from interest rate fluctuations and do not represent permanent impairment of value. Moreover, classification of securities as available-for-sale does not necessarily indicate that the securities will be sold prior to maturity.

At December 31, 2006, approximately 15.5% of the Company's securities available-for-sale portfolio represented mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"). The Company monitors the risks due to changes in interest rates on mortgage-backed pools by monthly reviews of prepayment speeds, duration, and purchase yields as compared to current market yields on each security. CMOs totaled \$.9 million and represented pools which each had a book value of less than 10% of stockholders' equity at December 31, 2006. All CMOs held in the portfolio are AAA rated and not considered "high-risk" securities under the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council ("FFIEC") tests. The Company does not own any "high-risk" securities as defined by the FFIEC. An additional 27% of the available-for-sale portfolio consisted of U. S. Treasury and Agency securities, while municipal and other securities represented 57% and .5% of the portfolio, respectively. A detailed credit analysis on each municipal offering is reviewed prior to purchase by an investment advisory firm. In addition, the Company limits the amount of securities of any one municipality purchased and the amount purchased within specific geographic regions to reduce the risk of loss within the non-taxable municipal securities portfolio. The held-to-maturity portfolio consisted of \$14.2 million in non-taxable and \$1.7 million in taxable municipal securities.

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Table 4
Composition of Investment Securities
December 31
(in thousands)

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Available-for-sale securities:					
U. S. Treasuries	\$ 1,986	\$ 1,966	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
U. S. Agencies	51,280	38,499	35,804	47,158	15,954
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	95,676	61,534	56,468	38,114	23,017
Mortgage-backed securities	29,888	33,715	30,962	24,325	27,574
Collateralized mortgage obligations	854	1,086	1,861	4,471	16,407
Corporate securities	990	2,629	7,089	1,028	4,174
Mutual funds	-	-	9,077	967	971
Total available for sale securities	\$ 180,674	\$ 139,429	\$ 143,261	\$ 116,063	\$ 88,097
Held-to-maturity securities:					
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	\$ 15,901	\$ 19,611	\$ 22,852	\$ 23,367	\$ 23,398
Total held-to-maturity securities	\$ 15,901	\$ 19,611	\$ 22,852	\$ 23,367	\$ 23,398
Total investment securities	\$ 196,575	\$ 159,040	\$ 166,113	\$ 139,430	\$ 111,495

Table 5
Investment Securities Portfolio
Maturities and Average Taxable-Equivalent Yields
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006
(dollars in thousands)

Securities Available for Sale	Within 1 Year		After 1 but Within 5 Years		After 5 but Within 10 Year		After 10 Years		Total
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	
U.S. Treasury and U.S. government agency securities	\$ 12,646	3.42%	\$ 36,633	4.43%	\$ 3,987	5.56%	-	-	\$ 53,266
Obligations of state and political subdivisions	7,853	4.99%	30,512	5.37%	36,602	5.63%	\$ 20,709	5.45%	95,676
Mortgage backs and CMOs	2	8.65%	16,203	4.74%	14,537	5.68%	-	-	30,742
Corporates	990	4.14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	990
Total fair value	\$ 21,491		\$ 83,348		\$ 55,126		\$ 20,709		\$ 180,674

Held-to-Maturity	Within 1 Year	After 1 but Within 5 Years	After 5 but Within 10 Year
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