

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 17, 2007

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**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):  
August 17, 2007

United Community Banks, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

No. 0-21656  
(Commission File Number)

No. 58-180-7304  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

63 Highway 515, P.O. Box 398  
Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(706) 781-2265

Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4(c))
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**Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors;  
Item 5.02 Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of  
Certain Officers.**

Thomas C. Gilliland, Jr., United Community Banks, Inc.'s Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel, has informed management of the Company that he intends to retire effective January 22, 2008.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

/s/ Rex S.

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Rex S. Schuette

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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