

BANCORPSOUTH INC  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2012

**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): May 11, 2012 (May 10, 2012)

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Mississippi**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-12991**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**64-0659571**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Mississippi Plaza**

**201 South Spring Street**

**Tupelo, Mississippi**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**38804**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(662) 680-2000**

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

**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 10, 2012, BancorpSouth, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that Aubrey Patterson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, plans to retire as Chief Executive Officer in 2013.

A copy of the press release announcing the retirement of Mr. Patterson is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued on May 10, 2012 by BancorpSouth, Inc.

**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.

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**

By: /s/ Cathy S. Freeman  
Cathy S. Freeman  
Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: May 11, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release issued on May 11, 2012 by BancorpSouth, Inc.