

AMERICAN COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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, 2007

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

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AMERICAN COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NORTH CAROLINA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

56-2179531
(I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification No.)

4500 CAMERON VALLEY PARKWAY, SUITE 150

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28211
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone number, including area code: **(704) 225-8444**

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

NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$1.00 PER SHARE

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 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 No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the 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.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most

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recently completed second fiscal quarter. \$81,460,000

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date. 6,542,091 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 13, 2008:

Documents Incorporated by Reference.

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement as filed with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in connection with its 2008 annual meeting are incorporated into Part III of this report.

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PART 1

ITEM 1 BUSINESS

Who We Are

American Community Bancshares, Inc. (Bancshares) is a bank holding company that owns all of the common stock of American Community Bank (American Community or the Bank) a state-chartered commercial bank that is insured by the Deposit Insurance Fund of the FDIC. Bancshares was incorporated on February 16, 2000 as a North Carolina-chartered corporation and became the holding company for American Community on April 28, 2000. To become American Community s holding company, Bancshares received approval of the Federal Reserve Board as well as American Community s shareholders. Upon receiving such approvals, each share of the common stock of American Community was exchanged on a one-for-one basis for shares of the common stock of Bancshares. Bancshares acquired FNB Bancshares, Inc. and its subsidiary bank First National Bank of the Carolinas (First National) based in Gaffney, South Carolina on April 15, 2004. First National was merged into American Community on April 1, 2005.

Since opening in November of 1998, we have accomplished the following:

Grown the bank to over \$500 million in assets with a compound annualized growth rate of 27.2% since 1999;

Assembled a management team consisting of resident bankers from local markets who each have over 25 years of banking experience;

Assembled an experienced and diverse board of directors that provides strategic expertise unique to a community bank of our size;

Completed the acquisition in 2004 of FNB Bancshares, Inc. and its subsidiary, First National Bank of the Carolinas, Gaffney, SC, thus giving us branch expansion opportunities into South Carolina;

Currently operating thirteen (13) full service banking offices throughout North and South Carolina;

Listed our common stock for quotation on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol ACBA;

Developed a local identity in the communities we serve by sponsoring a wide variety of civic and charitable events;

Implemented a shareholder dividend reinvestment program and stock purchase plan;

Implemented a stock repurchase plan;

Currently paying an annual cash dividend of \$0.20 per share.

The Bank operates for the primary purpose of serving the banking needs of individuals, and small to medium-sized businesses in our market areas. While numerous banks in our market have chosen to focus on the affluent and high net worth individuals, we have chosen to focus on middle income households and the entrepreneurial segment of our market. We offer a wide range of banking services including checking, certificates of deposit and savings accounts, commercial, consumer and personal loans, mortgage and other associated financial services.

Our Market Area

We consider our primary market area to be the Southern Piedmont area of North Carolina, including Union, Mecklenburg and adjoining counties. In South Carolina our primary markets include Cherokee and York Counties. The Bank serves our market area through thirteen full service branch locations with nine located in Union and Mecklenburg County in North Carolina. The Bank also offers four convenient locations throughout York and Cherokee Counties of South Carolina. The Bank's customers may access various banking services through ATMs owned by the Bank and ATMs owned by others, through debit cards, and through the Bank's automated telephone and online banking products.

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Union County had an estimated 2007 population of 183,000 and Mecklenburg County has an estimated 2007 population of 872,000. Both counties have a balanced and diversified economy. Monroe, with a population of approximately 36,000, is the largest city in Union County. Union County is currently the fastest growing county in North Carolina and 12th fastest growing county in the country. The population of Union County has grown 42% since 2000. Charlotte, which is ranked 21st in U.S. population, is Mecklenburg County's and North Carolina's largest city and has consistently been one of the fastest growing areas of the Southeast. The population of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County had a growth rate of 19% between 2000 and 2006. The most recent unemployment rate was 4.0% for Union County and 4.5% for Mecklenburg County; both lower than the North Carolina state rate of 4.7%. Cherokee County, previous headquarters for the First National Bank of the Carolinas, has an estimated population of 54,000 and an estimated growth rate of 3%. York County, South Carolina is the region's second fastest growing county and has an estimated population of 200,000. York County also averaged a 21% growth rate between 2000 and 2006, ranking 4th in per capita income in South Carolina. It is also the second fastest growing county in the region behind Union County.

Strategy

American Community has expanded aggressively since opening for business in November 1998. Because of its strong capital position created during its incorporation stage, American Community had the requisite capital needed to permit it to immediately establish branch offices. American Community's branching strategy is opportunistic. It has established nine branch offices in growing areas within Union and Mecklenburg Counties, North Carolina. The Bank also offers four full-service banking offices located in York and Cherokee Counties, South Carolina. The Bank seeks markets where there are opportunities to hire successful local bankers who have a loyal following of deposit and loan customers. To date we have centered each of our branch offices on such a local and experienced banker. Management also believes it is important in the early formation years to build branches that will provide convenience and efficiencies in its operational infrastructure. The Charlotte region is a highly competitive banking market with many competitors including money center, super-regional and community banks. American Community's strategy is to develop a branch network to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves in both new geographic and new product markets. We will continue to search for opportunities, either for de novo branching, branch purchase or whole bank acquisitions that we believe will add long term enhanced value for our shareholders. The acquisition of First National Bank of the Carolinas in 2004 provided us the opportunity to expand across the South Carolina state line into York County, one of the fastest growing counties in South Carolina. We are one of a handful of banks in North Carolina that has expansion ability across the South Carolina state line. We believe this adds to the long term franchise value of our Company since it is hard to replicate due to the regulatory restrictions that prohibit most out-of-state banks from branching into South Carolina. In addition, we will remain open to opportunistic expansion through acquisition of additional whole banks in other growing metropolitan areas of North Carolina and South Carolina if the acquisition enhances shareholder value and there exists synergies of operations and compatible corporate culture (i.e. a community bank serving a community's needs).

Lending Activities

General. The Bank provides to its customers a full range of short- to medium-term commercial, agricultural, Small Business Administration guaranteed, mortgage, construction and personal loans, both secured and unsecured. The Bank also makes real estate mortgage and construction loans. The Bank has maintained a good balance between variable and fixed rate loans within its portfolio. Variable rate loans accounted for 63% of the loan balances outstanding at December 31, 2007 while fixed rate loans accounted for 37% of the balances.

The Bank's loan policies and procedures establish the basic guidelines governing its lending operations. Generally, the guidelines address the types of loans that the Bank seeks, target markets, underwriting and collateral requirements, terms, interest rate and yield considerations and compliance with laws and regulations. All loans or credit lines are subject to approval procedures and amount limitations. These limitations apply to the borrower's total outstanding indebtedness to the Bank, including the indebtedness of any guarantor. The policies are reviewed and approved at least annually by the Board of Directors of the Bank. The Bank supplements its own supervision of the loan underwriting and approval process with periodic loan audits by external loan examiners experienced in loan review work. The Bank has focused its portfolio lending activities on typically higher yielding commercial, construction and consumer loans.

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Loan Composition. The following table sets forth at the dates indicated the Bank's loan portfolio composition by type of loan:

	2007		2006		2005		2004		2003	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
(Dollars in Thousands)										
Real estate - mortgage loans:										
1-4 family	\$ 35,680	9.08%	\$ 32,414	8.75%	\$ 28,933	8.70%	\$ 27,161	8.81%	\$ 15,894	7.77%
Commercial mortgage	104,209	26.51%	96,946	26.16%	84,694	25.45%	84,621	27.47%	80,395	39.32%
Construction/development	136,531	34.73%	93,643	25.27%	44,037	13.24%	39,844	12.93%	28,469	13.92%
Home equity lines of credit	34,784	8.85%	24,388	6.58%	27,732	8.33%	24,575	7.98%	16,526	8.08%
Commercial and industrial loans	57,958	14.74%	78,086	21.07%	97,197	29.21%	85,911	27.88%	41,121	20.11%
Loans to individuals	20,010	5.09%	36,782	9.93%	35,941	10.80%	30,813	10.00%	8,672	4.25%
Lease financing, net	3,941	1.00%	8,316	2.24%	14,193	4.27%	15,177	4.93%	13,397	6.55%
Subtotal	393,113	100.00%	370,575	100.00%	332,727	100.00%	308,102	100.00%	204,474	100.00%
Less: allowance for loan losses	(5,740)		(5,628)		(4,331)		(3,488)		(2,529)	
Plus: net unamortized deferred fees and costs	(154)		(144)		(19)		(114)		59	
Total	\$ 387,219		\$ 364,803		\$ 328,377		\$ 304,500		\$ 202,004	

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The following table sets forth the contractual maturity of loans at December 31, 2007:

	One Year Or Less	Greater than One Year Through 5 Years	More Than 5 Years	Total
(Dollars in thousands)				
Real estate mortgage loans:				
1-4 family	\$ 12,165	\$ 23,515	\$	\$ 35,680
Commercial mortgage	29,159	74,746	304	104,209
Construction/development	97,032	39,473	26	136,531
Home equity lines of credit	8,266	26,466	52	34,784
Commercial and industrial loans	37,476	20,307	175	57,958
Loans to individuals	8,585	11,269	156	20,010
Lease financing, net	526	3,415		3,941
Total	\$ 193,209	\$ 199,191	\$ 713	\$ 393,113

The following table sets forth loans with fixed and variable rates having contractual maturities greater than one year at December 31, 2007:

	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate	Total
(Dollars in thousands)			
Real estate mortgage loans	\$ 90,674	\$ 47,390	\$ 138,064
Home equity lines of credit	52	26,466	26,518
Commercial and industrial loans	10,713	9,769	20,482
Loans to individuals	9,891	1,534	11,425
Lease financing, net	3,415		3,415
	\$ 114,745	\$ 85,159	\$ 199,904

Real Estate Loans. Real estate loans are made for purchasing, constructing and refinancing one-to-four family, five or more family and commercial properties. The Bank offers fixed and adjustable rate options, but typically limits the maximum fixed rate term to five years. The Bank provides customers access to long-term conventional real estate loans through its mortgage loan department, which makes loans for the account of third parties.

Residential one-to-four family loans amounted to \$35.7 million at December 31, 2007. The Bank's residential mortgage loans are typically construction loans that convert into permanent financing and are secured by properties located within the Bank's market areas. Most of the permanent one-to-four family residential mortgage loans that the Bank originates are for the account of third parties. Such loans are closed by the third party and therefore are not shown in the Bank's financial statements. The Bank receives a fee for each such loan originated, with such fees aggregating \$326,000 for the year ended December 31, 2007. The Bank anticipates that it will continue to be an active originator of residential loans for the account of third parties.

The Bank has made, and anticipates continuing to make, commercial real estate loans. Commercial real estate loans equaled \$104.2 million at December 31, 2007. This lending has involved loans secured principally by owner occupied commercial buildings for office, storage and warehouse space. The Bank generally requires the personal guaranty of borrowers and a demonstrated cash flow capability sufficient to service the debt. Loans secured by commercial real estate may be larger in size and may involve a greater degree of risk than one-to-four family residential mortgage loans. Payments on such loans are often dependent on successful operation or management of the properties.

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Another primary lending focus for the Bank is construction/development lending with balances outstanding as of December 31, 2007 of \$136.5 million. The Bank originates one to four family residential construction loans for the construction of custom homes (where the home buyer is the borrower) and provides financing to builders and consumers for the construction of pre-sold homes. The Bank generally receives a pre-arranged permanent financing commitment from an outside banking entity prior to financing the construction of pre-sold homes. The Bank is active in the construction market and on occasion makes construction loans to builders of homes that are not pre-sold, but limits the number of speculative loans to any one builder. This type of lending is only done with local, well established builders and not with large or national tract builders. The Bank lends to builders who have demonstrated a favorable record of performance and profitable operations and who are building in markets that management believes it understands and in which it is comfortable with the economic conditions. The Bank also makes commercial real estate construction loans, primarily for owner-occupied properties. The Bank further endeavors to limit its construction lending risk through adherence to established underwriting procedures. The Bank generally requires documentation of all draw requests and utilizes third party appraisers to inspect the project prior to paying any draw requests from the builder. With few exceptions, the Bank requires personal guarantees and secondary sources of repayment on construction loans.

Commercial Loans. Commercial business lending is also a focus of the Bank's lending activities. At December 31, 2007, the Bank's commercial loan portfolio equaled \$58.0 million. Commercial loans include both secured and unsecured loans for working capital, expansion, and other business purposes. Short-term working capital loans generally are secured by accounts receivable, inventory and/or equipment. The Bank also makes term commercial loans secured by equipment and real estate. Lending decisions are based on an evaluation of the financial strength, cash flow, management and credit history of the borrower, and the quality of the collateral securing the loan. With few exceptions, the Bank requires personal guarantees and secondary sources of repayment. Commercial loans generally provide greater yields and reprice more frequently than other types of loans, such as real estate loans. More frequent repricing means that yields on our commercial loans adjust with changes in interest rates.

Loans to Individuals and Home Equity Lines of Credit. Loans to individuals (consumer loans) include automobile loans, boat and recreational vehicle financing, home equity and home improvement loans and miscellaneous secured and unsecured personal loans and totaled \$54.8 million at December 31, 2007. Consumer loans generally can carry significantly greater risks than other loans, even if secured, if the collateral consists of rapidly depreciating assets such as automobiles and equipment. Repossessed collateral securing a defaulted consumer loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment of the loan. Consumer loan collections are sensitive to job loss, illness and other personal factors. The Bank attempts to manage the risks inherent in consumer lending by following established credit guidelines and underwriting practices designed to minimize risk of loss.

Leasing. At December 31, 2007 the Bank's lease portfolio equaled \$3.9 million. This type of lease financing is generally limited to heavy machinery, manufacturing equipment, and specific vehicles. The leasing division also requires personal guarantees on the majority of our leases. In 2006, the Bank determined that the leasing business has become extremely competitive and is dominated by a few large players. The Bank felt that leasing is not the best use of its capital and has contracted with a third party leasing company to liquidate the remaining leases in our portfolio. The bank no longer originates leases and is allowing the portfolio to pay down.

Other Loan Products. The Bank is an active home mortgage originator and several of our offices have trained lending personnel to originate home mortgage loans for the account of third parties. We currently have four lending relationships to which we sell all home mortgages to enable us to satisfy special lending requests of our borrowing customers. The Bank offers a credit card on an agency basis as an accommodation to its customers. The Bank assumes none of the underwriting risk associated with credit card accounts established through this agency arrangement.

Loan Approvals. The Bank's loan policies and procedures establish the basic guidelines governing its lending operations. Generally, the guidelines address the type of loans that the Bank seeks, target markets, underwriting and collateral requirements, terms, interest rate and yield considerations and compliance with laws and regulations. All loans or credit lines are subject to approval procedures and amount limitations. These limitations apply to the borrower's total outstanding indebtedness to the Bank, including any indebtedness as a guarantor. The policies are reviewed and approved at least annually by the Board of Directors of the Bank. The Bank supplements its own supervision of the loan underwriting and approval process with periodic loan audits by independent, outside professionals experienced in loan review. Responsibility for loan review and loan underwriting resides with the Chief Credit Officer. He is responsible for loan processing, loan underwriting and approval. On an annual basis, the Board of Directors of the Bank determines the President's lending authority, who then delegates lending authorities

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to the Chief Credit Officer and other lending officers of the Bank. Delegated authorities may include loans, letters of credit, overdrafts, uncollected funds and such other authorities as determined by the Board of Directors or the President within his delegated authority.

The President of American Community, and the Chief Credit Officer each have the authority to approve loans up to the lending limits set by the Board of Directors, which were \$2,000,000 and \$1,500,000, respectively, at December 31, 2007. These limits are based upon the total credit exposure in a relationship and not based on loan transaction size. The President and Chief Credit Officer together can approve up to \$3,000,000 of total customer credit exposure with the following exceptions. Any acquisition and development loan over \$1,500,000, speculative construction loans over \$1,500,000, land acquisition and hold transactions greater than \$1,000,000 and any loans to non-profit organizations greater than \$1,000,000 must be approved by the Loan Committee. All loans above the lending limit of the President and Chief Credit Officer are reviewed and approved by the Loan Committee, which consists of the President, the South Carolina Regional Executive, and six outside directors. In addition, the Chief Credit Officer serves as a non-voting member of this committee. At December 31, 2007, the Loan Committee had the authority to approve loans up to the Bank's legal lending limit. The Bank's legal lending limit was \$7.2 million at December 31, 2007. The Bank seldom makes loans approaching its legal lending limit. All loans made to executive officers and directors must be approved by the full Board of Directors.

Non-performing Assets

The table sets forth, for the periods indicated, information about our non-accrual loans, restructured loans, total non-performing loans (non-accrual loans plus restructured loans), and total non-performing assets.

	At December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Non-accrual loans	\$ 866	\$ 563	\$ 469	\$ 881	\$ 330
Non-accrual leases	345	1,246	482		
Restructured loans	511				
Total non-performing loans	1,722	1,809	951	881	330
Foreclosed real estate and other repossessed assets	9	201	479	311	157
Total non-performing assets	\$ 1,731	\$ 2,010	\$ 1,430	\$ 1,192	\$ 487
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	\$	\$ 291	\$ 1,402	\$ 1,117	\$ 597
Allowance for loan losses	5,740	5,628	4,331	3,488	2,529
Non-performing loans to period end loans	0.44%	0.49%	0.29%	0.29%	0.16%
Allowance for loan losses to period end loans	1.46%	1.52%	1.30%	1.13%	1.24%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	333%	311%	455%	396%	766%
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.34%	0.41%	0.33%	0.30%	0.17%

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The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, including the recognition of interest income on loans, unless a loan is placed on non-accrual basis. Loans are accounted for on a non-accrual basis when there are serious doubts about the collectibility of principal or interest. Loans are placed on non-accrual status in cases where there is uncertainty as to whether the borrower can satisfy the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Amounts received on non-accrual loans generally are applied first to principal and then to interest only after all principal has been collected. Restructured loans are those for which concessions, including the reduction of interest rates below a rate otherwise available to that borrower or the deferral of interest or principal have been granted due to the borrower's weakened financial condition. Interest on restructured loans is accrued at the restructured rates when it is anticipated that no loss of original principal will occur. In 2007, the Bank had one troubled debt restructured loan for \$511,000. Due to the borrower's inability to make the payments required under the original loan terms, the Bank modified the terms by granting a longer amortized repayment structure in exchange for obtaining real estate as collateral. The restructured loan is currently recorded as a non-accrual loan, has a related allowance for loan loss of \$103,000 and is not past due. Potential problem loans are loans which are currently performing and are not included in non-accrual or restructured loans above, but about which we have serious doubts as to the borrower's ability to comply with present repayment terms. These loans are likely to be included later in non-accrual, past due or restructured loans, so they are considered by management in assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. At December 31, 2007, no major loans had been identified as potential problem loans.

At December 31, 2007, the Bank had \$1,211,000 in non-accrual loans and leases. Interest foregone on non-accrual loans was approximately \$44,000 for the year ended December 31, 2007 and \$42,000 for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Other real estate owned consists of foreclosed properties. At December 31, 2007, foreclosed real estate and other repossessed assets totaled \$9,000 or less than .01% of total assets, and consisted of equipment and one vehicle. At December 31, 2006, foreclosed real estate and other repossessed assets totaled \$201,000 or .04% of total assets, and consisted of seven residences and two vehicles.

Analysis of Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is established through charges to earnings in the form of a provision for loan losses. The allowance for loan losses is increased by provisions charged to operations and by recoveries of amounts previously charged off, and reduced by loans charged off. The adequacy of the allowance is evaluated at least quarterly. In evaluating the adequacy of the allowance, the growth, composition and industry diversification of the portfolio, historical loan loss experience, current delinquency levels, adverse situations that may affect a borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, prevailing economic conditions and other relevant factors are all considered. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the allowance for loan losses and may require adjustments to the allowance for loan losses based upon judgments different from those of management.

The Bank uses a risk grading program to facilitate the evaluation of probable inherent loan losses and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. In this program, risk grades are initially assigned by loan officers, reviewed by Credit Administration, and reviewed by a third party on a test basis. The Bank strives to maintain the loan portfolio in accordance with conservative loan underwriting policies that result in loans specifically tailored to the needs of the Bank's market area. Every effort is made to identify and minimize the credit risks associated with such lending strategies. The Bank has no foreign loans and does not engage in highly leveraged transactions.

The Bank follows a loan review program designed to evaluate the credit risk in the loan portfolio. Through this loan review process, an internally classified watch list that helps management assess the overall quality of the loan portfolio and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is maintained. In establishing the appropriate classification for specific assets, management considers, among other factors, the estimated value of the underlying collateral, the borrower's ability to repay, the borrower's payment history and the current delinquency status. As a result of this process, certain loans are categorized as substandard, doubtful or loss and reserves are allocated based on management's judgment and historical experience.

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Loans classified as *substandard* are those loans with clear and defined weaknesses such as unfavorable financial ratios, uncertain repayment sources or poor financial condition that may jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some losses if the deficiencies are not corrected. Loans classified as *doubtful* are those loans that have characteristics similar to substandard loans but with an increased risk that collection or liquidation in full is highly questionable and improbable. Loans classified as *loss* are considered uncollectible and of such little value that their continuance as assets is not warranted. This classification does not mean that the loan has absolutely no recovery or salvage value but rather it is not practical or desirable to defer writing off this asset even though partial recovery may be achieved in the future. As a practical matter, when loans are identified as loss they are charged off against the allowance for loan losses. In addition to the above classification categories, loans are also categorized based upon risk grade and loan type, assigning an allowance allocation based upon each category.

Growth in loans outstanding has been the primary reason for increases in the allowance for loan losses and the resultant provisions for loan losses necessary to provide for those increases. This growth has been spread among the major loan categories, with the concentrations of major loan categories being relatively consistent in recent years. For the five years ended December 31, 2007, the range of each major category of loans as a percentage of total loans outstanding is as follows: 1-4 family mortgage loans - 8% to 9%, commercial mortgage loans - 25% to 39%, construction/development real estate loans - 13% to 35%; home equity loans - 7% to 9%; commercial and industrial loans - 15% to 29%; loans to individuals - 4% to 11%; and lease financing - 1% to 7%. For all full fiscal years through 2007, loan loss experience was similar to that of other banks our age, with net loan charge-offs in each year no greater than 0.37% of average loans outstanding. The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2007 of \$5.7 million represents 1.46% of total loans and 333% of non-performing loans. The increase in the allowance for loan losses is primarily attributable to the increase in total loans outstanding at December 31, 2007.

The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of an amount adequate to provide for known and inherent losses in the loan portfolio in the normal course of business. Specific allowances are made that are allocated to certain individual loans and pools of loans based on risk characteristics. While management believes that it uses the best information available to establish the allowance for loan losses, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary and results of operations could be adversely affected if circumstances differ substantially from the assumptions used in making the determinations. Furthermore, while the Bank believes it has established the allowance for loan losses in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, there can be no assurance that regulators, in reviewing the portfolio, will not require adjustments to the allowance for loan losses. In addition, because future events affecting borrowers and collateral cannot be predicted with certainty, there can be no assurance that the existing allowance for loan losses is adequate or that increases will not be necessary should the quality of any loans deteriorate as a result of the factors discussed herein. Any material increase in the allowance for loan losses may adversely affect the financial condition and results of operations of Bancshares.

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The following table describes the allocation of the allowance for loan losses among various categories of loans and certain other information for the dates indicated. The allocation is made for analytical purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the categories in which future losses may occur.

	2007		2006		At December 31, 2005		2004		2003	
	Amount	% of Total Loans (1)	Amount	% of Total Loans (1)	Amount	% of Total Loans (1)	Amount	% of Total Loans (1)	Amount	% of Total Loans (1)
Real estate loans	\$ 3,450	60.10%	\$ 2,340	41.58%	\$ 2,155	47.39%	\$ 2,149	49.21%	\$ 1,283	61.01%
Home equity lines of credit	177	3.08%	130	2.31%	137	8.33%	72	7.98%	50	8.08%
Commercial and industrial loans	1,121	19.53%	1,132	20.11%	929	29.21%	731	27.88%	676	20.11%
Loans to individuals	340	5.92%	405	7.20%	215	10.80%	232	10.00%	162	4.25%
Lease financing, net	652	11.36%	1,621	28.80%	895	4.27%	304	4.93%	358	6.55%
Total	\$ 5,740	100.00%	\$ 5,628	100.00%	\$ 4,331	100.00%	\$ 3,488	100.00%	\$ 2,529	100.00%

(1) Represents total of all outstanding loans in each category as a percent of total loans outstanding.

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The following table presents for the periods indicated information regarding changes in the allowance for loan losses:

	2007	At or for the Years Ended December 31,			2003
		2006	2005	2004	
		(Dollars in thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 5,628	\$ 4,331	\$ 3,488	\$ 2,529	\$ 2,375
Charge-offs:					
Real estate loans	19	10		51	
Home equity lines of credit		43			
Commercial and industrial loans	180	64	8	211	598
Lease financing, net	728	1,183	28	24	
Loans to individuals	108	50	45	54	67
Total charge-offs	1,035	1,350	81	340	665
Recoveries:					
Real estate loans				1	
Home equity lines of credit					
Commercial and industrial loans	5	1	100	12	35
Lease financing, net	91	26	4		
Loans to individuals	18	8	11	27	
Total recoveries	114	35	115	40	35
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	921	1,315	(34)	300	630
Allowance acquired from First National merger				685	
Provision for loan losses	1,033	2,612	809	574	784
Balance at end of period	\$ 5,740	\$ 5,628	\$ 4,331	\$ 3,488	\$ 2,529
Total loans outstanding	\$ 392,959	\$ 370,431	\$ 332,708	\$ 307,988	\$ 204,533
Average loans outstanding	\$ 370,832	\$ 351,401	\$ 317,986	\$ 275,011	\$ 182,108
Allowance for loan losses to total loans outstanding	1.46%	1.52%	1.30%	1.13%	1.24%
Ratio of net loan charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans outstanding	0.25%	0.37%	-0.01%	0.11%	0.35%

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Investment Activities

Bancshares' portfolio of investment securities, most of which are available for sale, consists of U.S. Government agency, mortgage-backed securities, municipal bonds and other marketable equity securities.

Securities to be held for indefinite periods of time and not intended to be held to maturity are classified as available for sale and carried at fair value with any unrealized gains or losses reflected as an adjustment to stockholders' equity. Securities held for indefinite periods of time include securities that management intends to use as part of its asset/liability management strategy and that may be sold in response to changes in interest rates and/or significant prepayment risks.

The following table summarizes the amortized costs, gross unrealized gains and losses and the resulting market value of investment securities:

	Amortized Cost	2007		Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Securities available for sale:				
U. S. Government agencies	\$ 13,635	\$ 341	\$ 10	\$ 13,966
Mortgage-backed securities	49,116	385	196	49,305
State and municipal bonds	10,762	109	44	10,827
	73,513	835	250	74,098
Marketable equity securities	907	7		914
Total securities available for sale	\$ 74,420	\$ 842	\$ 250	\$ 75,012

	Amortized Cost	2006		Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Securities held to maturity:				
State and municipal bonds	\$ 1,770	\$ 34	\$	\$ 1,804
Total securities held to maturity	\$ 1,770	\$ 34	\$	\$ 1,804

	Amortized Cost	2006		Fair Value
		Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Securities available for sale:				
U. S. Government agencies	\$ 20,202	\$ 44	\$ 117	\$ 20,129
Mortgage-backed securities	37,047	10	835	36,222
State and municipal bonds	6,265	32	42	6,255
	63,514	86	994	62,606
Marketable equity securities	407	5		412
Total securities available for sale	\$ 63,920	\$ 91	\$ 994	\$ 63,018

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	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Securities held to maturity:				
State and municipal bonds	\$ 2,174	\$ 18	\$	\$ 2,192
Total securities held to maturity	\$ 2,174	\$ 18	\$	\$ 2,192

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The following table summarizes the amortized cost and recorded market values of investment securities (excluding marketable equity securities) at December 31, 2007, by contractual maturity groups:

	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Book Yield (1)
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Securities available for sale and held to maturity			
U. S. Government agencies			
Due within one year	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	4.25%
Due after one but within five years	499	501	5.44%
Due after five but within ten years	8,396	8,732	5.35%
Due after ten years	1,740	1,733	5.67%
	13,635	13,966	5.15%
Mortgage-backed securities			
Due within one year	23	23	5.00%
Due after one but within five years	971	970	4.54%
Due after five but within ten years	10,241	10,239	4.46%
Due after ten years	37,881	38,073	5.04%
	49,116	49,305	4.91%
Municipal bonds			
Due after one but within five years	1,320	1,323	5.32%
Due after five but within ten years	2,617	2,641	5.79%
Due after ten years	8,595	8,667	6.47%
	12,532	12,631	5.70%
Total investment securities			
Due within one year	\$ 3,023	\$ 3,023	4.26%
Due after one but within five years	2,790	2,794	5.07%
Due after five but within ten years	21,254	21,612	4.98%
Due after ten years	48,216	48,473	5.32%
	\$ 75,283	\$ 75,902	5.09%

(1) Yields on tax-exempt investments have been adjusted to tax equivalent basis using an assumed tax rate of 34% for 2007.

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The Bank provides a range of deposit services, including non-interest bearing checking accounts, interest bearing checking and savings accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit. These accounts generally earn interest at rates established by management based on competitive market factors and the desire to increase or decrease certain types or maturities of deposits.

The Bank periodically uses brokered deposits consistent with asset and liability management policies. At December 31, 2007 the Bank had \$12,001,000 in brokered deposits. We rarely bid on political funds for municipalities as such deposits are extremely rate sensitive and due to fiduciary pressures on government officials, not as stable as regular corporate and individual customers.

The Bank offers a variety of deposit programs to individuals and to small-to-medium size businesses and other organizations at interest rates generally competitive with local market conditions. For some of our corporate customers who require such a service, we provide a courier service for non-cash deposit pickup. The following table sets forth the average balances and rates for each of the deposit categories for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2007		2006		2005	
	Average Balance	Average Rate	Average Balance	Average Rate	Average Balance	Average Rate
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Interest bearing NOW, savings, and money market accounts	\$ 100,047	2.24%	\$ 91,792	1.78%	\$ 82,270	1.28%
Other time deposits	128,382	4.84%	102,697	3.76%	87,656	3.05%
Time deposits greater than \$100,000	112,416	5.05%	120,443	4.78%	108,547	3.28%
Total interest bearing deposits	340,845	4.15%	314,932	3.57%	278,473	2.62%
Demand and other non-interest bearing deposits	59,376		58,705		53,753	
Total average deposits	\$ 400,221	3.53%	\$ 373,637	3.01%	\$ 332,226	2.19%

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The following table indicates the amount of the Bank's certificates of deposit by interest rate and by time remaining until maturity as of December 31, 2007.

	Three months or less		More than three months to six months		More than six months to one year		More than one year		Total	
	(Dollars in thousands)									
Certificates of \$100,000 or more	\$ 48,920	5.01%	\$ 24,623	5.08%	\$ 54,923	4.89%	\$ 15,266	4.69%	\$ 143,732	4.94%
Certificates of less than \$100,000	40,524	4.90%	23,417	4.89%	36,198	4.76%	9,406	4.37%	109,545	4.81%
Total	\$ 89,444	4.96%	\$ 48,040	4.99%	\$ 91,121	4.84%	\$ 24,672	4.57%	\$ 253,277	4.88%

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Borrowed funds consist of advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (FHLB), securities sold under agreement to repurchase, federal funds purchased, obligations under a capitalized lease for the Bank's main office facility and junior subordinated debentures. The following table summarizes balance and rate information for borrowed funds as of the dates and for the periods indicated.

	At or for the Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)		
AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING AT END OF PERIOD:			
Advances from the FHLB			
Amount	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 11,111
Weighted average rate	3.53%	3.53%	4.11%
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase			
Amount	\$ 18,193	\$ 15,473	\$ 8,615
Weighted average rate	2.88%	3.69%	2.62%
Federal funds purchased			
Amount	\$ 13,316	\$	\$ 3,118
Weighted average rate	4.60%		4.60%
Capitalized lease obligation			
Amount	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,694	\$ 1,702
Weighted average rate	8.24%	8.24%	8.24%
MAXIMUM AMOUNT OUTSTANDING AT ANY MONTH-END:			
Advances from the FHLB	\$ 6,000	\$ 11,056	\$ 12,722
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	25,531	17,058	25,882
Federal funds purchased	13,316	6,337	7,000
Capitalized lease obligation	1,694	1,702	1,710
AVERAGES DURING THE PERIOD:			
Advances from the FHLB			
Average balance	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,834	\$ 12,215
Weighted average rate	3.53%	4.17%	3.85%
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase			
Average balance	\$ 20,977	\$ 13,753	\$ 13,138
Weighted average rate	3.70%	3.42%	2.18%
Federal funds purchased			
Average balance	\$ 340	\$ 913	\$ 778
Weighted average rate	4.41%	4.84%	1.80%
Capitalized lease obligation			
Average balance	\$ 1,692	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,708
Weighted average rate	8.24%	8.24%	8.24%

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Pursuant to collateral agreements with the FHLB, advances are secured by all of the Company's FHLB stock, investment securities with a carrying value of \$1.0 million at December 31, 2007, and a blanket lien on qualifying first mortgage loans. This agreement with the FHLB provides for a line of credit up to 15% of the Bank's assets. The unused portion of this line of credit is \$69.8 million as of December 31, 2007.

Securities sold under agreement to repurchase are secured by investment securities. The carrying value of the investment securities at December 31, 2007 was \$18.5 million.

Bancshares also has unused lines of credit totaling \$16.2 million from correspondent banks at December 31, 2007.

Junior Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures

On December 31, 2001 we privately placed 2,000 shares of American Community Capital Trust I 9% Trust Preferred Securities, having a value of \$2,000,000. On March 1, 2002, we privately placed an additional 1,500 shares of American Community Capital Trust I 9% Trust Preferred Securities, having a liquidation value of \$1,500,000. The trust preferred securities have a dividend yield equal to 9% of their face value each year and distributions are paid on a quarterly basis. Bancshares' source of funds for the required interest payments on the trust preferred securities is interest and dividends payable by the Bank to Bancshares plus proceeds received from additional stock sold by Bancshares. Under the terms of the trust preferred securities, Bancshares is permitted to defer the payment of interest on the trust preferred securities for up to 20 consecutive calendar quarters. The amount of any interest deferred also bears interest and must be paid at such time as funds are available to Bancshares. The Trust Preferred Securities were paid off on March 9, 2007.

During 2003, we formed a special purpose entity organized as a business trust under the laws of the State of Connecticut. This business trust, called American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd was formed in order to allow us to issue trust preferred securities. On December 15, 2003, American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd. issued a floating rate trust preferred security in the amount of \$10,000,000. The Trust used the proceeds from the issuance of the trust preferred security to acquire a junior subordinated note of the Company. The trust preferred security essentially mirrors the debt security, carrying a floating interest rate based on 3-month LIBOR plus 280 basis points. The initial interest rate in effect at the time of issuance was 3.97%, which is reset on a quarterly basis. The rate as of December 31, 2007 was 6.82%. The securities have a legal maturity of 30 years, and can be called at the Company's option in whole or part after five years.

Banking Technology

We provide our customers with truncation of their deposit accounts (check imaging), on-line banking and 24 hour telephone banking that permits our depositors to check balances, recently cleared checks and recent deposits. Due to our imaging of all documentation, our customer service representatives can access past statements and paid checks in a matter of seconds, eliminating research fees for our customers and eliminating any waiting time for such research. We implemented Internet banking for our personal customers during the fourth quarter of 2002 and our business Internet banking was implemented in 2003.

The Bank has twelve ATM facilities attached to twelve of its existing banking offices. The Bank's ATM cards are linked to the nationwide Cirrus®, Plus® and Star® systems, allowing the Bank's customers to withdraw funds from any ATM honoring these systems.

Competition

Commercial banking in North Carolina is highly competitive in large part due to early adoption of statewide branching. We compete in our market areas with some of the largest banking organizations in the state and the country and other financial institutions, such as federally and state-chartered savings and loan institutions and credit unions, as well as consumer finance companies, mortgage companies and other lenders engaged in the business of extending credit or taking investment monies such as mutual funds and brokerage firms. Many of our competitors have broader geographic markets and higher lending limits than us and are also able to provide more services and make greater use of media advertising. In Union County, for example, there are currently 38 offices of 11 different commercial banks (including the largest banks in North Carolina). In Mecklenburg County, there are currently 231 offices of 25 different commercial banks (including the largest banks in North Carolina). While we typically do not compete directly for loans with these larger banks, they do influence our deposit products. We do compete more directly with mid-size and small community banks that have offices in our market areas. There are also a number of

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new community banks in Mecklenburg and Union Counties that have a direct competitive effect as borrowers tend to shop the terms of their loans and deposits.

The enactment of legislation authorizing interstate banking has caused great increases in the size and financial resources of some of our competitors. In addition, as a result of interstate banking, out-of-state commercial banks have acquired North Carolina banks and heightened the competition among banks in North Carolina. For example, Atlanta, Georgia based SunTrust, a large multi-state financial institution has branches throughout North Carolina, including Mecklenburg County and Regions Bancshares, from Birmingham, Alabama, recently expanded their presence in North Carolina.

The banking business is highly competitive in South Carolina as well. American Community competes as a financial intermediary with other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, and money market mutual funds operating in the Cherokee County area and elsewhere. In Cherokee County, there are currently 13 offices of 6 different commercial banks. A number of these competitors are well established in the Cherokee County area. Most of them have substantially greater resources and lending limits than the Bank and offer certain services, such as extensive and established branch networks and trust services that we either do not expect to provide or do not currently provide. As a result of these competitive factors, the Bank may have to pay higher rates of interest to attract deposits.

Despite the competition in our market areas, we believe that we have certain competitive advantages that distinguish us from our competition. We believe that our primary competitive advantages are our bankers, each of whom is well known in his or her community with strong personal and business ties to that community with a loyal customer following. We offer customers modern banking services without forsaking community values such as prompt, personal service and friendliness. We also have established local advisory boards in certain of our communities to help us better understand their needs and to be ambassadors of the Bank. We offer many personalized services and attract customers by being responsive and sensitive to their individualized needs. We believe our approach to business builds goodwill among our customers, shareholders, and the communities we serve which results in referrals from shareholders and satisfied customers. We also rely on traditional marketing to attract new customers. To enhance a positive image in the community, we support and participate in local events and our officers and directors serve on boards of local civic and charitable organizations. As an example, American Community was recognized each year from 1999 to 2007 for outstanding contributions to the United Way Campaign for Union County. American Community is very active in the Special Olympics for Union County and has been honored by Special Olympics as Business of the Year for our sponsorship and volunteer efforts.

American Community has also entered into a revenue sharing agreement with Smith Barney, in which the Bank receives revenue for business generated by a broker located in our offices. Currently, a Smith Barney representative is located in our main office but visits all our branch locations periodically when the opportunity arises. As a community service providing a competitive edge, the Bank sponsors small business seminars and features various speakers on topics of interest to growing small businesses. The Bank attempts to bring together in one place a variety of experts to discuss timely issues of importance to business owners regarding such matters as e-commerce, investments, and estate and retirement planning. This social setting also provides small business owners with an opportunity to network with other small business owners in our communities. Further, through its Kidz Club, the Bank offers savings accounts designed for young savers. The Bank has also developed a Senior Citizens account for customers 50 years and older. These products offer free travelers checks, free safe deposit box, interest on daily balances, free wallet-style checks, free breakfasts with guest speakers and periodic day trips. American Community also sponsors the day trips as a way to attract Senior Citizens accounts and to further enhance their loyalty to the Bank.

Regulation of the Bank

The Bank is extensively regulated under both federal and state law. Generally, these laws and regulations are intended to protect depositors and borrowers, not shareholders. To the extent that the following information describes statutory and regulatory provisions, it is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory and regulatory provisions. Any change in applicable law or regulation may have a material effect on the business of Bancshares and the Bank.

State Law. The Bank is subject to extensive supervision and regulation by the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks (the Commissioner). The Commissioner oversees state laws that set specific requirements for bank capital and regulate deposits in, and loans and investments by, banks, including the amounts, types, and in some cases,

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rates. The Commissioner supervises and performs periodic examinations of North Carolina-chartered banks to assure compliance with state banking statutes and regulations, and the Bank is required to make regular reports to the Commissioner describing in detail the resources, assets, liabilities and financial condition. Among other things, the Commissioner regulates mergers and consolidations of state-chartered banks, the payment of dividends, loans to officers and directors, record keeping, types and amounts of loans and investments, and the establishment of branches.

Deposit Insurance. The Bank's deposits are insured up to applicable limits by the Deposit Insurance Fund, or DIF, of the FDIC. The DIF is the successor to the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund, which were merged in 2006. The Bank's deposits, therefore, are subject to FDIC deposit insurance assessment.

The FDIC recently amended its risk-based deposit assessment system for 2007 to implement authority granted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, (the Reform Act). Under the revised system, insured institutions are assigned to one of four risk categories based on supervisory evaluations, regulatory capital levels and certain other factors. An institution's assessment rate depends upon the category to which it is assigned. Risk Category I, which contains the least risky depository institutions, is expected to include more than 90% of all institutions. Unlike the other categories, Risk Category I contains further risk differentiation based on the FDIC's analysis of financial ratios, examination component ratings and other information. Assessment rates are determined by the FDIC and currently range from five to seven basis points for the healthiest institutions (Risk Category I) to 43 basis points of assessable deposits for the riskiest (Risk Category IV). The FDIC may adjust rates uniformly from one quarter to the next, except that no single adjustment can exceed three basis points.

The FDIC is authorized to set the reserve ratio for the DIF annually at between 1.15% and 1.5% of estimated insured deposits, in contrast to the statutorily fixed ratio of 1.25% under the old system. The ratio, which is viewed by the FDIC as the level that the funds should achieve, was established by the agency at 1.25% for 2007. The Reform Act also provided for the possibility that the FDIC may pay dividends to insured institutions once the DIF reserve ratio equals or exceeds 1.35% of estimated insured deposits. The Reform Act also provided for a one-time credit for eligible institutions based on their assessment base as of December 1996. Subject to certain limitations with respect to institutions that are exhibiting weaknesses, credits can be used to offset future assessments until exhausted.

Capital Requirements. The federal banking regulators have adopted certain risk-based capital guidelines to assist in the assessment of the capital adequacy of a banking organization's operations for both transactions reported on the balance sheet as assets and transactions, such as letters of credit, and recourse arrangements, which are recorded as off balance sheet items. Under these guidelines, nominal dollar amounts of assets and credit equivalent amounts of off balance sheet items are multiplied by one of several risk adjustment percentages which range from 0% for assets with low credit risk, such as certain U.S. Treasury securities, to 100% for assets with relatively high credit risk, such as business loans.

A banking organization's risk-based capital ratios are obtained by dividing its qualifying capital by its total risk adjusted assets. The regulators measure risk-adjusted assets, which include off balance sheet items, against both total qualifying capital (the sum of Tier 1 capital and limited amounts of Tier 2 capital) and Tier 1 capital. Tier 1, or core capital, includes common equity, qualifying noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less goodwill and other intangibles, subject to certain exceptions.

Tier 2, or supplementary capital, includes among other things, limited-life preferred stock, hybrid capital instruments, mandatory convertible securities, qualifying subordinated debt, and the allowance for loan and lease losses, subject to certain limitations and less required deductions. The inclusion of elements of Tier 2 capital is subject to certain other requirements and limitations of the federal banking agencies. Banks and bank holding companies subject to the risk-based capital guidelines are required to maintain a ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 4% and a ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8%. The appropriate regulatory authority may set higher capital requirements when particular circumstances warrant. As of December 31, 2007, Bancshares was well-capitalized with Tier 1 and Total Risk-Based Capital of 12.98% and 14.24%, respectively.

The federal banking agencies have adopted regulations specifying that they will include, in their evaluations of a bank's capital adequacy, an assessment of the bank's interest rate risk exposure. The standards for measuring the adequacy and effectiveness of a banking organization's interest rate risk management include a measurement of board of director and senior management oversight, and a determination of whether a banking organization's procedures for comprehensive risk management are appropriate for the circumstances of the specific banking organization.

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Failure to meet applicable capital guidelines could subject a banking organization to a variety of enforcement actions, including limitations on its ability to pay dividends, the issuance by the applicable regulatory authority of a capital directive to increase capital and, in the case of depository institutions, the termination of deposit insurance by the FDIC, as well as the measures described under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 below, as applicable to undercapitalized institutions. In addition, future changes in regulations or practices could further reduce the amount of capital recognized for purposes of capital adequacy. Such a change could affect the ability of the Bank to grow and could restrict the amount of profits, if any, available for the payment of dividends to the shareholders.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991. In December 1991, Congress enacted the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (the FDIC Improvement Act), which substantially revised the bank regulatory and funding provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and made significant revisions to several other federal banking statutes. The FDIC Improvement Act provides for, among other things:

publicly available annual financial condition and management reports for certain financial institutions, including audits by independent accountants,

the establishment of uniform accounting standards by federal banking agencies,

the establishment of a prompt corrective action system of regulatory supervision and intervention, based on capitalization levels, with greater scrutiny and restrictions placed on depository institutions with lower levels of capital,

additional grounds for the appointment of a conservator or receiver, and

restrictions or prohibitions on accepting brokered deposits, except for institutions which significantly exceed minimum capital requirements.

The FDIC Improvement Act also provides for increased funding of the FDIC insurance funds and the implementation of risk-based premiums.

A central feature of the FDIC Improvement Act is the requirement that the federal banking agencies take prompt corrective action with respect to depository institutions that do not meet minimum capital requirements. Pursuant to the FDIC Improvement Act, the federal bank regulatory authorities have adopted regulations setting forth a five-tiered system for measuring the capital adequacy of the depository institutions that they supervise. Under these regulations, a depository institution is classified in one of the following capital categories: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized. An institution may be deemed by the regulators to be in a capitalization category that is lower than is indicated by its actual capital position if, among other things, it receives an unsatisfactory examination rating with respect to asset quality, management, earnings or liquidity.

The FDIC Improvement Act provides the federal banking agencies with significantly expanded powers to take enforcement action against institutions which fail to comply with capital or other standards. Such action may include the termination of deposit insurance by the FDIC or the appointment of a receiver or conservator for the institution. The FDIC Improvement Act also limits the circumstances under which the FDIC is permitted to provide financial assistance to an insured institution before appointment of a conservator or receiver.

International Money Laundering Abatement and Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001. On October 26, 2001, the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 was enacted. This act contains the International Money Laundering Abatement and Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, which sets forth anti-money laundering measures affecting insured depository institutions, broker-dealers and other financial institutions. The Act requires U.S. financial institutions to adopt new policies and procedures to combat money laundering and grants the Secretary of the Treasury broad authority to establish regulations and to impose requirements and restrictions on the operations of financial institutions. The USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 has increased costs of regulatory compliance.

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Miscellaneous. The dividends that may be paid by the Bank are subject to legal limitations. In accordance with North Carolina banking law, dividends may not be paid by the Bank unless its capital surplus is at least 50% of its paid-in capital.

The earnings of the Bank will be affected significantly by the policies of the Federal Reserve Board, which is responsible for regulating the United States money supply in order to mitigate recessionary and inflationary pressures. Among the techniques used to implement these objectives are open market transactions in United States government securities, changes in the rate paid by banks on bank borrowings, and changes in reserve requirements against bank deposits. These techniques are used in varying combinations to influence overall growth and distribution of bank loans, investments, and deposits, and their use may also affect interest rates charged on loans or paid for deposits.

The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve Board have had a significant effect on the operating results of commercial banks in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future. In view of changing conditions in the national economy and money markets, as well as the effect of actions by monetary and fiscal authorities, no prediction can be made as to possible future changes in interest rates, deposit levels, loan demand or the business and earnings of the Bank.

We cannot predict what legislation might be enacted or what regulations might be adopted, or if enacted or adopted, the effect thereof on the Bank's operations.

Regulation of Bancshares

Federal Regulation. Bancshares is subject to examination, regulation and periodic reporting under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as administered by the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board has adopted capital adequacy guidelines for bank holding companies on a consolidated basis.

The status of Bancshares as a registered bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act does not exempt it from certain federal and state laws and regulations applicable to corporations generally, including, without limitation, the federal securities laws.

Bancshares is required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board to acquire all, or substantially all, of the assets of any bank or bank holding company. Prior Federal Reserve Board approval is required for Bancshares to acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting securities of any bank or bank holding company if, after giving effect to such acquisition, it would, directly or indirectly, own or control more than five percent of any class of voting shares of such bank or bank holding company.

The merger or consolidation of Bancshares with another bank, or the acquisition by Bancshares of assets of another bank, or the assumption of liability by Bancshares to pay any deposits in another bank, will require the prior written approval of the primary federal bank regulatory agency of the acquiring or surviving bank under the federal Bank Merger Act. The decision is based upon a consideration of statutory factors similar to those outlined above with respect to the Bank Holding Company Act. In addition, in certain such cases an application to, and the prior approval of, the Federal Reserve Board under the Bank Holding Company Act and/or the North Carolina Banking Commission may be required.

Bancshares is required to give the Federal Reserve Board prior written notice of any purchase or redemption of its outstanding equity securities if the gross consideration for the purchase or redemption, when combined with the net consideration paid for all such purchases or redemptions during the preceding 12 months, is equal to 10% or more of Bancshares' consolidated net worth. The Federal Reserve Board may disapprove such a purchase or redemption if it determines that the proposal would constitute an unsafe and unsound practice, or would violate any law, regulation, Federal Reserve Board order or directive, or any condition imposed by, or written agreement with, the Federal Reserve Board. Such notice and approval is not required for a bank holding company that would be treated as well capitalized and well managed under applicable regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, that has received a composite 1 or 2 rating at its most recent bank holding company inspection by the Federal Reserve Board, and that is not the subject of any unresolved supervisory issues.

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In addition, a bank holding company is prohibited generally from engaging in, or acquiring five percent or more of any class of voting securities of any company engaged in, non-banking activities. One of the principal exceptions to this prohibition is for activities found by the Federal Reserve Board to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. Some of the principal activities that the Federal Reserve Board has determined by regulation to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto are:

making or servicing loans;

performing certain data processing services;

providing discount brokerage services;

acting as fiduciary, investment or financial advisor;

leasing personal or real property;

making investments in corporations or projects designed primarily to promote community welfare; and

acquiring a savings and loan association.

In evaluating a written notice of such an acquisition, the Federal Reserve Board will consider various factors, including among others the financial and managerial resources of the notifying bank holding company and the relative public benefits and adverse effects which may be expected to result from the performance of the activity by an affiliate of such company. The Federal Reserve Board may apply different standards to activities proposed to be commenced de novo and activities commenced by acquisition, in whole or in part, of a going concern. The required notice period may be extended by the Federal Reserve Board under certain circumstances, including a notice for acquisition of a company engaged in activities not previously approved by regulation of the Federal Reserve Board. If such a proposed acquisition is not disapproved or subjected to conditions by the Federal Reserve Board within the applicable notice period, it is deemed approved by the Federal Reserve Board.

However, with the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999, which became effective on March 11, 2000, the types of activities in which a bank holding company may engage were significantly expanded. Subject to various limitations, the Modernization Act generally permits a bank holding company to elect to become a financial holding company. A financial holding company may affiliate with securities firms and insurance companies and engage in other activities that are financial in nature. Among the activities that are deemed financial in nature are, in addition to traditional lending activities, securities underwriting, dealing in or making a market in securities, sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies, insurance underwriting and agency activities, certain merchant banking activities and activities that the Federal Reserve Board considers to be closely related to banking.

A bank holding company may become a financial holding company under the Modernization Act if each of its subsidiary banks is well capitalized under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act prompt corrective action provisions, is well managed and has at least a satisfactory rating under the Community Reinvestment Act. In addition, the bank holding company must file a declaration with the Federal Reserve Board that the bank holding company wishes to become a financial holding company. A bank holding company that falls out of compliance with these requirements may be required to cease engaging in some of its activities. Bancshares has not yet elected to become a financial holding company.

Under the Modernization Act, the Federal Reserve Board serves as the primary umbrella regulator of financial holding companies, with supervisory authority over each parent company and limited authority over its subsidiaries. Expanded financial activities of financial holding companies generally will be regulated according to the type of such financial activity: banking activities by banking regulators, securities activities by securities regulators and insurance activities by insurance regulators. The Modernization Act also imposes additional restrictions

and heightened disclosure requirements regarding private information collected by financial institutions.

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Capital Requirements. The Federal Reserve Board uses capital adequacy guidelines in its examination and regulation of bank holding companies. If capital falls below minimum guidelines, a bank holding company may, among other things, be denied approval to acquire or establish additional banks or non-bank businesses.

The Federal Reserve Board's capital guidelines establish the following minimum regulatory capital requirements for bank holding companies:

a leverage capital requirement expressed as a percentage of adjusted total assets;

a risk-based requirement expressed as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets; and

a Tier 1 leverage requirement expressed as a percentage of adjusted total assets.

The leverage capital requirement consists of a minimum ratio of total capital to total assets of 4%, with an expressed expectation that banking organizations generally should operate above such minimum level. The risk-based requirement consists of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8%, of which at least one-half must be Tier 1 capital (which consists principally of shareholders' equity). The Tier 1 leverage requirement consists of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 3% for the most highly-rated companies, with minimum requirements of 4% to 5% for all others.

The risk-based and leverage standards presently used by the Federal Reserve Board are minimum requirements, and higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual banking organizations. Further, any banking organization experiencing or anticipating significant growth would be expected to maintain capital ratios, including tangible capital positions (i.e., Tier 1 capital less all intangible assets), well above the minimum levels.

Source of Strength for Subsidiaries. Bank holding companies are required to serve as a source of financial strength for their depository institution subsidiaries, and, if their depository institution subsidiaries become undercapitalized, bank holding companies may be required to guarantee the subsidiaries' compliance with capital restoration plans filed with their bank regulators, subject to certain limits.

Dividends. As a bank holding company that does not, as an entity, currently engage in separate business activities of a material nature, Bancshares' ability to pay cash dividends depends upon the cash dividends it receives from the Bank. At present, Bancshares' only source of income is dividends paid by the Bank and interest earned on any investment securities it holds. Bancshares must pay all of its operating expenses from funds it receives from the Bank. Therefore, shareholders may receive dividends from Bancshares only to the extent that funds are available after payment of our operating expenses and the board decides to declare a dividend. In addition, the Federal Reserve Board generally prohibits bank holding companies from paying dividends except out of operating earnings, and the prospective rate of earnings retention appears consistent with the bank holding company's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. We expect that, for the foreseeable future, any dividends paid by the Bank will likely be limited to amounts needed to pay any separate expenses of Bancshares, to pay our regular quarterly dividend to shareholders and to make required payments on our debt obligations, including our outstanding debentures underlying trust preferred securities.

The FDIC Improvement Act requires the federal bank regulatory agencies biennially to review risk-based capital standards to ensure that they adequately address interest rate risk, concentration of credit risk and risks from non-traditional activities and, since adoption of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, to do so taking into account the size and activities of depository institutions and the avoidance of undue reporting burdens. In 1995, the agencies adopted regulations requiring as part of the assessment of an institution's capital adequacy the consideration of (a) identified concentrations of credit risks, (b) the exposure of the institution to a decline in the value of its capital due to changes in interest rates and (c) the application of revised conversion factors and netting rules on the institution's potential future exposure from derivative transactions.

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In addition, the agencies in September 1996 adopted amendments to their respective risk-based capital standards to require banks and bank holding companies having significant exposure to market risk arising from, among other things, trading of debt instruments, (1) to measure that risk using an internal value-at-risk model conforming to the parameters established in the agencies' standards and (2) to maintain a commensurate amount of additional capital to reflect such risk. The new rules were adopted effective January 1, 1997, with compliance mandatory from and after January 1, 1998.

Under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), depository institutions are liable to the FDIC for losses suffered or anticipated by the FDIC in connection with the default of a commonly controlled depository institution or any assistance provided by the FDIC to such an institution in danger of default. This law would not be applicable to Bancshares because it currently only maintains one subsidiary depository institution.

Subsidiary banks of a bank holding company are subject to certain quantitative and qualitative restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Act on any extension of credit to, or purchase of assets from, or letter of credit on behalf of, the bank holding company or its subsidiaries, and on the investment in or acceptance of stocks or securities of such holding company or its subsidiaries as collateral for loans. In addition, provisions of the Federal Reserve Act and Federal Reserve Board regulations limit the amounts of, and establish required procedures and credit standards with respect to, loans and other extensions of credit to officers, directors and principal shareholders of the Bank, Bancshares, any subsidiary of Bancshares and related interests of such persons. Moreover, subsidiaries of bank holding companies are prohibited from engaging in certain tying arrangements (with the holding company or any of its subsidiaries) in connection with any extension of credit, lease or sale of property or furnishing of services.

Any loans by a bank holding company to a subsidiary bank are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to 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 would be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to a priority of payment. This priority would also apply to guarantees of capital plans under the FDIC Improvement Act.

Interstate Branching

Under the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (the Riegle Act), the Federal Reserve Board may approve bank holding company acquisitions of banks in other states, subject to certain aging and deposit concentration limits. As of June 1, 1997, banks in one state may merge with banks in another state, unless the other state has chosen not to implement this section of the Riegle Act. These mergers are also subject to similar aging and deposit concentration limits.

North Carolina opted-in to the provisions of the Riegle Act. Since July 1, 1995, an out-of-state bank that did not already maintain a branch in North Carolina was permitted to establish and maintain a de novo branch in North Carolina, or acquire a branch in North Carolina, if the laws of the home state of the out-of-state bank permit North Carolina banks to engage in the same activities in that state under substantially the same terms as permitted by North Carolina. Also, North Carolina banks may merge with out-of-state banks, and an out-of-state bank resulting from such an interstate merger transaction may maintain and operate the branches in North Carolina of a merged North Carolina bank, if the laws of the home state of the out-of-state bank involved in the interstate merger transaction permit interstate merger.

Future Legislation

We cannot predict what legislation might be enacted in the future or what regulations might be adopted, or if enacted or adopted, the effect thereof on our operations.

Employees

As of December 31, 2007, we had full-time 107 employees and 10 part-time employees. None of these employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We consider relations with our employees to be good.

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ITEM 1A RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a number of risks. We urge you to read all of the information contained in this annual report on Form 10-K. In addition, we urge you to consider carefully the following factors before you invest in shares of our common stock.

We may not be able to maintain and manage our growth, which may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition and the value of our common stock.

Our strategy has been to increase the size of our company by opening new offices, acquiring other banks and by pursuing business development opportunities. We have grown rapidly since we commenced operations. We can provide no assurance that we will continue to be successful in increasing the volume of loans and deposits at acceptable risk levels and upon acceptable terms while managing the costs and implementation risks associated with our growth strategy. There can be no assurance that our further expansion will be profitable or that we will continue to be able to sustain our historical rate of growth, either through internal growth or through successful expansion of our markets, or that we will be able to maintain capital sufficient to support our continued growth. If we grow too quickly, however, and are not able to control costs and maintain asset quality, rapid growth also could adversely affect our financial performance. Any of these risks could negatively impact the value of our common stock.

Changes in interest rates affect our interest margins, which can adversely affect our profitability.

We may not be able to effectively manage changes in interest rates that affect what we charge as interest on our earning assets and the expense we must pay on interest-bearing liabilities, which may significantly reduce our earnings and reduce the value of our common stock. Since rates charged on our loans often tend to react to market conditions faster than do rates paid on our deposit accounts, these rate cuts may have a negative impact on our earnings until we could make appropriate adjustments in our deposit rates. Fluctuations in interest rates are not predictable or controllable and, therefore, there can be no assurances of our ability to continue to maintain a consistent positive spread between the interest earned on our earning assets and the interest paid on our interest-bearing liabilities.

Our profitability depends significantly on economic conditions in our market area.

Our success depends to a large degree on the general economic conditions in our market areas. The local economic conditions in these areas have a significant impact on the amount of loans that we make to our borrowers, the ability of our borrowers to repay these loans and the value of the collateral securing these loans. A significant decline in general economic conditions caused by inflation, recession, unemployment or other factors beyond our control would impact these local economic conditions and could negatively affect our financial condition and performance and the value of our common stock.

If we lose key employees with significant business contacts in our market area, our business may suffer.

Our success is largely dependent on the personal contacts of our officers and employees in our market area. If we lose key employees temporarily or permanently, our business could be hurt and the value of our common stock could decline as a result. We could be particularly hurt if our key employees went to work for our competitors. Our future success depends on the continued contributions of our existing senior management personnel.

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If we experience greater loan losses than anticipated, it will have an adverse effect on our net income.

While the risk of nonpayment of loans is inherent in banking, if we experience greater nonpayment levels than we anticipate, our earnings and overall financial condition, as well as the value of our common stock, could be adversely affected.

We cannot assure you that our monitoring procedures and policies will reduce certain lending risks or that our allowance for loan losses will be adequate to cover actual losses. In addition, as a result of the rapid growth in our loan portfolio, loan losses may be greater than management's estimates. Loan losses can cause insolvency and failure of a financial institution and, in such an event, our shareholders could lose their entire investment. In addition, future provisions for loan losses could materially and adversely affect our profitability. Any loan losses will reduce the loan loss allowance. A reduction in the loan loss allowance will be restored by an increase in our provision for loan losses. This would reduce our earnings which could have an adverse effect on our stock price.

In order to be profitable, we must compete successfully with other financial institutions which have greater resources and capabilities than we do.

The banking business in North Carolina is extremely competitive. Most of our competitors are larger and have greater resources than we do and many have been in existence a longer period of time. We must overcome historical bank-customer relationships to attract customers away from our competition. We compete with the following types of institutions:

other commercial banks	securities brokerage firms
savings banks	mortgage brokers
thrifts	insurance companies
credit unions	mutual funds
consumer finance companies	trust companies

Some of our competitors are not regulated as extensively as we are and, therefore, may have greater flexibility in competing for business. Some of these competitors are subject to similar regulation but have the advantages of larger established customer bases, higher lending limits, extensive branch networks, numerous automated teller machines, greater advertising-marketing budgets or other factors.

Our legal lending limit is determined by law. The size of the loans which we offer to our customers may be less than the size of the loans that larger competitors are able to offer. This limit may affect to some degree our success in establishing relationships with the larger businesses in our market.

Liquidity is essential to our business and we rely, in part, on external sources to finance a significant portion of our operations.

Liquidity is essential to our business. Our liquidity could be substantially negatively affected by our inability to access secured lending markets, brokered deposit markets or raise funding in the long-term or short-term capital markets. Factors that we cannot control, such as disruption of the financial markets or negative views about the financial services industry generally, could impair our ability to raise funding. In addition, our ability to raise funding could be impaired if the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) or deposit brokers develop a negative perception of our long-term or short-term financial prospects. Such negative perceptions could be developed if we suffer a decline in the level of our business activity, regulatory authorities take significant action against us, or we discover employee misconduct or illegal activity, among other things. If we were unable to raise funds using the methods described above, we would likely need to liquidate unencumbered assets, such as our investment and loan portfolios, to meet maturing liabilities. We may be unable to sell some of our assets, or we may have to sell assets at a discount from market value, either of which could adversely affect our operations.

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New or acquired branch facilities and other facilities may not be profitable.

We may not be able to correctly identify profitable locations for new branches and the costs to start up new branch facilities or to acquire existing branches, and the additional costs to operate these facilities, may increase our noninterest expense and decrease earnings in the short term. If other banks or branches of other banks become available for sale, we may acquire them. It may be difficult to adequately and profitably manage our growth through the establishment of these branches. In addition, we can provide no assurance that these branch sites will successfully attract enough deposits to offset the expenses of operating these branch sites. Our failure to identify profitable locations, or to manage such branches in a profitable manner could have a material adverse effect on our profitability and on the value of our common stock. Furthermore, any new or acquired branches will be subject to regulatory approval, and there can be no assurance that we will succeed in securing such approvals.

Government regulations may prevent or impair our ability to pay dividends, engage in additional acquisitions, or operate in other ways.

Current and future legislation and the policies established by federal and state regulatory authorities will affect our operations. We are subject to supervision and periodic examination by the Federal Reserve Board and the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks. Our principal subsidiary, American Community Bank, as a state-chartered commercial bank, also receives regulatory scrutiny from the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks and the FDIC. Banking regulations are designed primarily for the protection of depositors rather than shareholders, and they may limit our growth and the return to you as an investor by restricting its activities, such as:

the payment of dividends to shareholders;

possible transactions with or acquisitions by other institutions;

desired investments;

loans and interest rates;

interest rates paid on deposits;

the possible expansion of branch offices; and

the ability to provide securities or trust services.

We are registered with the Federal Reserve Board as a bank holding company. We cannot predict what changes, if any, will be made to existing federal and state legislation and regulations or the effect that such changes may have on our business, results of operations or on the value of our common stock. The cost of compliance with regulatory requirements may adversely affect our ability to operate profitably.

Our stock trading volume has been low compared with larger bank holding companies.

The trading volume in our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market has been comparable to other similarly sized bank holding companies since trading on the Capital Market began in July 2001. Nevertheless, this trading volume does not compare with more seasoned companies listed on other stock exchanges. Thus, the market in our common stock is somewhat limited in scope relative to some other companies, which may impact the ability of our shareholders to sell their shares at a desirable price. In addition, we can provide no assurance that a more active and liquid trading market for our stock will develop in the future.

Our articles of incorporation include anti-takeover provisions that may prevent shareholders from receiving a premium for their shares or effecting a transaction favored by a majority of shareholders.

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Our articles of incorporation include anti-takeover provisions, including a supermajority vote requirement for a merger under certain circumstances as well as a provision allowing our Board of Directors to consider the social and economic effects of a proposed merger. Such provisions may have the effect of preventing shareholders from receiving a premium for their shares of common stock and discouraging a change of control even when favored by a majority of the shareholders.

Our securities are not FDIC insured.

Our common stock is not a savings or deposit account or other obligation of the Bank, and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency and is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of principal.

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Our recent operating results may not be indicative of our future operating results.

We may not be able to sustain our historical rate of growth. Because of our relatively small size and short operating history, it will be difficult for us to replicate our historical earnings growth as we continue to expand. Consequently, our historical results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of our future operations. Various factors, such as economic conditions, regulatory and legislative considerations, and competition, may also impede our ability to expand our market presence. If we experience a significant decrease in our historical rate of growth, our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected because a high percentage of our operating costs are fixed expenses.

We are subject to extensive regulation that could limit or restrict our activities.

We operate in a highly regulated industry and are subject to examination, supervision, and comprehensive regulation by the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks, the FDIC, and the Federal Reserve Board. Our compliance with these regulations is costly and restricts certain of our activities, including payment of dividends, mergers and acquisitions, investments, loans and interest rates charged, interest rates paid on deposits, and locations of offices. We must also meet regulatory capital requirements. If we fail to meet these capital and other regulatory requirements, our financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations would be materially and adversely affected. Our failure to remain well capitalized and well managed for regulatory purposes could affect customer confidence, our ability to grow, our cost of funds and FDIC insurance, our ability to pay dividends on common stock, and our ability to make acquisitions.

The laws and regulations applicable to the banking industry could change at any time, and we cannot predict the effects of these changes on our business and profitability. For example, new legislation or regulation could limit the manner in which we may conduct our business, including our ability to obtain financing, attract deposits, and make loans. Many of these regulations are intended to protect depositors, the public, and the FDIC, not shareholders. In addition, the burden imposed by these regulations may place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to competitors who are less regulated. The laws, regulations, interpretations, and enforcement policies that apply to us have been subject to significant change in recent years, sometimes retroactively applied, and may change significantly in the future. Our cost of compliance could adversely affect our ability to operate profitably.

Our growth may require us to raise additional capital that may not be available when it is needed, or at all.

We are required by regulatory authorities to maintain adequate levels of capital to support our operations. We anticipate that our capital resources will satisfy our capital requirements for the foreseeable future. We may at some point, however, need to raise additional capital to support our continued growth. Our ability to raise additional capital, if needed, will depend in part on conditions in the capital markets at that time, which are outside our control, and on our financial performance. Accordingly, we may be unable to raise additional capital, if and when needed, on terms acceptable to us, or at all. If we cannot raise additional capital when needed, our ability to further expand our operations through internal growth and acquisitions could be materially impaired. In addition, if we issue additional equity capital, the interests of existing shareholders would be diluted.

Efforts to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act will involve significant expenditures, and non-compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act may adversely affect us.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the related rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission are now applicable to us and have increased the scope, complexity, and cost of corporate governance, reporting, and disclosure practices. We have experienced, and we expect to continue to experience, greater compliance costs, including costs related to internal controls, as a result of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. We expect these new rules and regulations to continue to increase our accounting, legal, and other costs, and to make some activities more difficult, time consuming, and costly. In the event that we are unable to achieve or maintain compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related rules, we may be adversely affected, the value of our common stock may decline.

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We evaluate our internal control systems in order to allow management to report on, and our independent registered public accounting firm to attest to, our internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. If we identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting that we cannot remediate in a timely manner, or if we are unable to receive a positive attestation from our independent registered public accounting firm with respect to our internal control over financial reporting, the trading price of our common stock could decline, our ability to obtain any necessary equity or debt financing could suffer, and our common stock could ultimately be delisted from the Nasdaq Capital Market. In this event, the liquidity of our common stock would be severely limited and the market price of our common stock would likely decline significantly.

In addition, the rules adopted as a result of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act could make it more difficult or more costly for us to obtain certain types of insurance, including directors' and officers' liability insurance, which could make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers.

The holder of our junior subordinated debenture has rights that are senior to those of our common shareholders.

We have supported our continued growth through the issuance of trust preferred securities from special purpose trust and the accompanying sale of a \$10.0 million junior subordinated debenture to such trust. Payments of the principal and interest on the trust preferred securities of this trust are conditionally guaranteed by us. Further, the accompanying junior subordinated debentures that we issued to the trust are senior to our shares of common stock. As a result, we must make payments on the junior subordinated debentures before any dividends can be paid on our common stock and, in the event of our bankruptcy, dissolution or liquidation, the holder of the junior subordinated debentures must be satisfied before any distributions can be made on our common stock. We have the right to defer distributions on the junior subordinated debentures (and the related trust preferred securities) for up to five years, however, in the event of such a deferral, no dividends may be paid on our common stock.

ITEM 1B UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None

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The following table sets forth the location of American Community's main office and branch offices, as well as certain information relating to these offices.

Office Location	Year Opened	Approximate Square Footage	Owned or Leased
Main Office			
2593 West Roosevelt Boulevard	1999	14,774	Leased
Monroe NC 28110			
Indian Trail			
13860 East Independence Blvd	1999	3,850	Leased
Indian Trail NC 28079			
Sunset			
120 East Sunset Drive	1999	450	Leased
Monroe, NC 28111			
Wal-Mart Superstore			
2406 West Roosevelt Blvd	2000	600	Leased
Monroe NC 28110			
Marshville			
7001 East Marshville Blvd	2000	3,500	Leased
Marshville NC 28103			
Mint Hill			
7200 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd	2000	2,500	Leased
Mint Hill NC 28227			
Mountain Island			
3500 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd	2000	4,500	Owned
Charlotte NC 28216			
South Park			
4500 Cameron Valley Parkway	2003	2,800	Leased
Charlotte NC			

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South End				
2130 South Boulevard	2005	5,405	Leased	
Charlotte NC 28203				
Gaffney Main				
217 N. Granard Street	1999	11,000	Owned	
Gaffney S.C. 29341				
Blacksburg				
207 W. Cherokee Street	2000	2,550	Owned	
Blacksburg SC 29702				
Chesnee Highway				
626 Chesnee Highway	2001	2,550	Owned	
Gaffney S.C 29341				
Tega Cay				
1738 Gold Hill Road	2005	3,082	Owned	
Tega Cay SC 29708				

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In 1999 American Community entered into a Commercial Lease Agreement with TyPar Realty, Inc. for the lease of a portion of a two-story building constructed by L. C. Tyson Construction, Inc. This building serves as the main office of American Community. TyPar Realty, Inc. and L. C. Tyson Construction, Inc. are related interests of Carlton Tyson, a former director of Bancshares. The lease was for thirty years commencing in 1999 with increases every five years plus our share of common area expenses. American Community has a right of first refusal to lease the remainder of the building as it becomes available and to purchase the building should it be offered for sale. This lease was entered into at arms-length and at then current market rates. The lease was reviewed by an independent third party real estate appraiser for assurance that the terms of the lease are not more favorable than would be engaged with any other party. Additionally, after a sealed bid process, L. C. Tyson Construction, Inc. was awarded as low bidder, the construction contract for American Community's permanent buildings in Marshville and Mountain Island. American Community believes the terms of that contract are fair to the bank.

American Community sold and leased back the Marshville branch in 2001 to Carroll Edwards in an arms-length transaction at then current market rates. In 2002 Mr. Edwards was elected to the board of directors of American Community and retired from the board in 2006.

In 2003, American Community entered into a commercial lease agreement with Zebulon Morris, Jr, a director of American Community, for the lease of a new building constructed by Mr. Morris. The lease is for 10 years commencing in 2003. This lease was entered into at arms-length and at then current market rates. In 1998 Mr. Morris was elected to the board of directors of American Community and retired from the board in 2006.

ITEM 3 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the normal course of its operations, the Bank from time to time is party to various legal proceedings. Based upon information currently available, there are no legal proceedings to which Bancshares or the Bank is party that would have a material adverse effect on Bancshares business, financial position, or results of operations.

ITEM 4 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None

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American Community Bancshares' common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol ACBA. It began trading on this market on July 17, 2000. There were 6,503,788 shares of our common stock outstanding at February 15, 2008 owned by approximately 2,500 shareholders. The table below lists the high and low prices at which trades were completed during each quarter indicated for our stock and warrants to buy stock and are adjusted to reflect our three-for-two stock split effective in the form of a 50% stock dividend in February 2006. In 2007 and 2006, the Company paid quarterly dividends in the amount of \$0.05 per share.

	Dividends Paid	Sale Price Common Stock	
		High	Low
<u>2007</u>			
First Quarter	\$ 0.05	\$ 12.69	\$ 10.60
Second Quarter	0.05	12.30	10.87
Third Quarter	0.05	12.50	10.15
Fourth Quarter	0.05	12.84	9.19
<u>2006</u>			
First Quarter	\$ 0.05	\$ 13.73	\$ 12.14
Second Quarter	0.05	13.49	12.04
Third Quarter	0.05	12.23	11.18
Fourth Quarter	0.05	11.71	11.00

See Item 12 of this report for disclosure regarding securities authorized for issuance and equity compensation plans required by Item 201(d) of Regulation S-K.

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Performance Graph

The following graph compares (i) the yearly change in the cumulative total stockholder return on the Company's common stock with (ii) the cumulative return of the Nasdaq Composite (iii) the Nasdaq Bank Stock Index, (iv) the SNL Bank and Thrift Index. The graph assumes that the value of an investment in the Company's common stock and in each index was \$100 on December 31, 2002, and that all dividends were reinvested. The performance shown in the graph represents past performance and should not be considered an indication of future performance.

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(\$ in thousands, except per share data)

	2007	At or for the Year Ended December 31,			2003
	2006	2005	2004		
Operating Data:					
Total interest income	\$ 35,426	\$ 32,334	\$ 25,584	\$ 18,217	\$ 13,055
Total interest expense	16,193	13,521	9,180	6,220	5,169
Net interest income	19,233	18,813	16,404	11,997	7,886
Provision for loan losses	1,033	2,612	809	574	784
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	18,200	16,201	15,595	11,423	7,102
Non-interest income	3,391	3,353	3,294	3,337	2,645
Non-interest expenses	13,702	12,838	11,742	10,400	7,552
Income before income taxes	7,889	6,716	7,147	4,360	2,195
Provision for income taxes	2,869	2,440	2,639	1,617	807
Net income	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,276	\$ 4,508	\$ 2,743	\$ 1,388
Per Share Data: (1)					
Earnings per share - basic	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.33
Earnings per share - diluted	0.72	0.60	0.66	0.50	0.32
Cash dividends per share	0.20	0.20	0.13	0.07	0.05
Market Price					
High	12.84	13.73	12.51	11.21	8.73
Low	9.19	11.00	9.46	7.58	5.42
Close	9.59	11.04	12.43	10.90	8.30
Book value	8.31	7.83	7.43	7.06	5.71
Tangible book value	6.73	6.35	5.89	5.04	5.71
Weighted average shares outstanding					
Basis	6,779,635	6,913,534	6,364,336	4,912,256	4,236,564
Diluted	6,938,259	7,171,413	6,819,523	5,513,361	4,315,951
Selected Year-End Balance Sheet Data:					
Loans	\$ 392,959	\$ 370,431	\$ 332,708	\$ 307,988	\$ 204,533
Allowance for loan losses	5,740	5,628	4,331	3,488	2,529
Intangible assets	10,296	10,403	10,510	10,617	
Total assets	505,595	494,658	436,671	399,458	281,253
Deposits	399,794	401,137	345,401	306,665	208,163
Borrowings	49,504	37,085	38,464	54,169	48,319
Shareholders' equity	54,024	55,068	50,886	36,972	24,189
Selected Average Balances:					
Total assets	\$ 496,816	\$ 468,908	\$ 420,941	\$ 366,668	\$ 246,042
Loans	370,832	351,401	317,986	275,011	182,108
Total interest-earning assets	455,076	428,679	385,919	337,292	230,747
Interest-bearing deposits	340,845	314,932	278,473	239,294	168,307
Total interest-bearing liabilities	380,996	355,362	320,230	292,402	196,469

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Shareholders equity	54,836	52,924	45,937	32,275	23,501
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(1) All share and per share amounts reflect the effects of the 50% stock dividend paid in 2006

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(\$ in thousands, except per share data)

	At or for the Year Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Selected Performance Ratios:					
Return on average assets	1.01%	0.91%	1.07%	0.74%	0.56%
Return on average equity	9.15%	8.08%	9.81%	8.50%	5.91%
Net interest margin	4.23%	4.39%	4.25%	3.56%	3.42%
Noninterest expense to average assets	2.74%	2.74%	2.79%	2.84%	3.07%
Efficiency ratio	60.40%	57.71%	59.61%	67.82%	71.71%
Equity to assets ratio	10.69%	11.13%	11.65%	9.26%	8.60%
Dividend payout ratio	27.78%	33.33%	19.70%	14.00%	15.63%
Asset Quality Ratios:					
Nonperforming loans to total loans	0.44%	0.49%	0.29%	0.29%	0.16%
Allowance for loan losses to period-end loans	1.46%	1.52%	1.30%	1.13%	1.24%
Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans	333%	311%	455%	396%	766%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.34%	0.41%	0.33%	0.30%	0.17%
Net loan charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans	0.25%	0.37%	(0.01)%	0.11%	0.35%

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ITEM 7 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION

The following presents management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes combined in Item 8 of this report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ significantly from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. The following discussion is intended to assist in understanding the financial condition and results of operations of Bancshares. Because American Community Bancshares, Inc. has no material operations and conducts no business on its own other than owning its subsidiary, American Community Bank (American Community), the discussion contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis concerns primarily the business of American Community. However, for ease of reading and because the financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis, American Community Bancshares and American Community Bank are collectively referred to herein as American Community Bancshares or Bancshares unless otherwise noted.

OVERVIEW

In April 2000, Bancshares was formed as a holding company for American Community. Upon formation, one share of Bancshares' \$1.00 par value common stock was exchanged for each of the then outstanding 1,492,063 shares of American Community's \$5.00 par value common stock. On April 15, 2004, Bancshares acquired First National Bank of the Carolinas (First National). On April 1, 2005 First National was merged into American Community. Bancshares currently has no operations and conducts no business on its own other than owning American Community.

American Community was opened for business as a North Carolina-chartered commercial bank on November 16, 1998 and completed its first full fiscal year on December 31, 1999. American Community operates out of its main office at 2593 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe, North Carolina. It also operates twelve other full service branches in Union and Mecklenburg Counties of North Carolina and Cherokee and York Counties of South Carolina.

First National commenced operations as a national banking association on October 18, 1996 and was purchased by Bancshares on April 15, 2004. First National was merged into American Community on April 1, 2005.

The Bank's lending activities are oriented to the consumer/retail customer as well as the small-to-medium sized business located in the Union and Mecklenburg County areas of North Carolina and the Cherokee and York County area of South Carolina. The Bank offers commercial, consumer, and mortgage lending products, as well as the ability to structure credit arrangements to fit specialized needs through accounts receivable financing, leasing arrangements and other products. The deposit services offered by the Bank include small business and personal checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit. The Bank concentrates on customer relationships in building its customer deposit base and competes aggressively in the area of transaction accounts. Additional funding includes borrowings from the FHLB and various other financial institutions. The Bank also offers investment services through an agreement with Smith Barney.

Comparison of Financial Condition at December 31, 2007 and 2006

Total assets at December 31, 2007 increased by \$10.9 million or 2.1% to \$505.6 million compared to \$494.7 million at December 31, 2006. Bancshares had earning assets of \$472.8 million at year-end December 31, 2007 consisting of \$393.0 million in gross loans, \$78.9 million in investment securities and non-marketable equity securities, and \$930,000 in interest-bearing deposits with banks. Total deposits as of December 31, 2007 decreased by \$1.3 million or 0.33% to \$399.8 million compared to \$401.1 million at December 31, 2006. Total borrowings as of December 31, 2007 increased by \$13.0 million or 33.8% from \$38.5 million to \$51.4 million. Stockholders' equity was \$54.0 million at December 31, 2007 compared to \$55.1 million at December 31, 2006 for a decrease of \$1.0 million or 1.9%.

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Gross loans grew by \$22.6 million or 6.1% from \$370.4 million as of December 31, 2006 to \$393.0 million at year-end 2006. The composition of the loan portfolio, by category, as of December 31, 2007 is as follows: 9% 1-4 family mortgage loans, 26% commercial mortgage real estate loans, 35% construction/development real estate loans, 9% home equity lines of credit, 15% commercial loans, 5% consumer and other loans to individuals and 1% leases. The real estate category grew \$53.4 million from \$276.4 million to \$223.0 million. Within the real estate category, 1-4 family loans increased \$3.3 million from \$32.4 million to \$35.7 million, commercial mortgage real estate loans increased \$7.3 million from \$96.9 million to \$104.2 million while construction/development loans increased \$42.9 million from \$93.6 million to \$136.5 million. These construction/development loans are primarily single family residences and owner occupied commercial properties. Net decreases in other loan categories included \$20.1 million in commercial and industrial loans, \$16.8 in consumer and other loans, \$4.4 million in leases. Home equity lines of credit increased \$10.4 million. The composition of the loan portfolio at December 31, 2006, by category, was 9% 1-4 family mortgage loans, 26% commercial mortgage real estate loans, 25% construction/development real estate loans, 7% home equity lines of credit, 21% commercial loans, 10% consumer and other loans to individuals and 2% leases.

Bancshares recorded a \$1.0 million provision for loan losses for the year ended December 31, 2007, representing a decrease of \$1.6 million from the \$2.6 million provision for the year ended December 31, 2006. Bancshares also experienced net charge-offs of \$921,000 in 2007 compared to net charge-offs of \$1.3 million in 2006. The percentage of net loan charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans outstanding was 0.25% for the year ended December 31, 2007 as compared with 0.37% for the year ended December 31, 2006. Non-performing loans and leases totaled \$1.7 million or 0.44% of total loans at December 31, 2007, down from \$1.8 million or 0.49% of total loans at December 31, 2006. The composition of non-performing loans and leases at December 31, 2007 by category was 25% real estate, 28% commercial loans, 9% home equity lines of credit, 9% consumer and other loans to individuals and 29% leases. This compares to 17% real estate, 11% commercial loans, 1% home equity lines of credit, 2% consumer and other loans to individuals and 69% leases at December 31, 2006. All non-performing loans and leases have been reviewed for collectibility and any specific reserves necessary have been recorded. The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2007 of \$5.7 million represents 1.46% of total loans and 333% of non-performing loans. The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2006 of \$5.6 million represented 1.52% of total loans and 311% of non-performing loans. The decrease in the provision for loan losses from 2006 is primarily attributable to the decrease in non-performing loan and leases and a decrease in net charge-offs in 2007. Management believes that the allowance for loan losses as of December 31, 2007 is adequate to absorb probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

Bancshares had total investment securities of \$76.8 million at December 31, 2007 of which \$75.0 million are accounted for as available for sale under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 115 and are presented at fair value, and \$1.8 million are intended to be held to maturity. The investment securities portfolio increased by \$11.6 million from the \$65.2 million balance at December 31, 2006. Additions to the investment portfolio included \$29.8 million in new securities purchases, largely funded from \$19.9 million in proceeds from investment maturities, calls, sales and principal re-payments.

Interest-earning deposits with banks decreased by \$16.4 million. The Company holds funds in interest-earning deposits with banks to provide liquidity for future loan demand and to satisfy fluctuations in deposit levels.

Non interest-earning assets decreased by \$7.0 million from \$45.5 million at December 31, 2006 to \$38.5 million at December 31, 2007. The decrease is primarily attributable to a decrease of \$5.6 million in the cash and due from banks category. This includes cash on hand and customer deposits and other cash receipts that are in the process of collection and not available for overnight investment. Accrued interest receivable also decreased \$298,000 to \$2.6 million at December 31, 2007 as a result of the decrease in interest rates during the year. Bank premises and equipment was \$8.7 million at December 31, 2007 a decrease of \$411,000 from December 31, 2006 primarily due to depreciation of assets. Foreclosed real estate and repossessed assets were \$-0- and \$9,000, respectively, at December 31, 2007 a decrease of \$192,000 from the foreclosed real estate and repossessed asset balance of \$201,000 at December 31, 2006. This decrease is primarily due to the sale of nine 1-4 family foreclosed properties in 2007 and the sale of 17 repossessed vehicles.

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Total deposits decreased \$1.3 million or 0.33% from \$401.1 million on December 31, 2006 to \$399.8 million on December 31, 2007. The composition of the deposit base, by category, at December 31, 2007 is as follows: 14% non-interest bearing demand deposits, 6% savings deposits, 17% money market and interest bearing demand deposits and 63% time deposits. The savings and time deposit categories experienced increases over the twelve-month period. Dollar and percentage increases by category were as follows: savings deposits, \$9.1 million or 60%, and time deposits, \$27.3 million or 12%. The large increase in the savings deposit category was due to the introduction of a new savings product priced to approximate the pricing on the 90-day T-bill. The non-interest bearing demand deposit and money market and interest bearing demand deposit categories both experienced decreases over the twelve-month period. Dollar and percentage decreases by category were as follows: non-interest bearing demand deposits, \$7.3 million or 12%; and money market and interest bearing demand deposits, \$30.5 million or 31%. Time deposits of \$100,000 or more totaled \$143.7 million, or 57% of time deposits at December 31, 2007. The composition of deposits at December 31, 2006 was 15% non-interest bearing demand deposits, 4% savings deposits, 25% money market and interest bearing demand deposits and 56% time deposits. Time deposits of \$100,000 or more at December 31, 2006 were \$121.9 million, or 54%.

At December 31, 2007, \$6.0 million of advances were outstanding with maturity dates ranging from July 2012 through February 2013. The balance of FHLB advances at December 31, 2006 was also \$6.0 million. These advances are secured by a blanket lien on 1-4 family mortgage loans and certain loans secured by commercial property, Federal Home Loan Bank stock, and \$1.0 million in investment securities. Bancshares also maintained the capital lease for its main office. The recorded obligation under this capital lease at December 31, 2007 was \$1.7 million. In 2003, Bancshares issued junior subordinated debentures in the amount of \$10.3 million all of which was eligible for inclusion as Tier 1 capital for American Community Bancshares, Inc. in 2007. The debentures have a maturity of thirty years with a five-year continuous call provision and are re-priced monthly based on 90 day LIBOR plus 280 basis points. The Bank also offers corporate customers the option to sweep excess checking account balances into one day maturity repurchase agreements which are collateralized by certain of the Bank's investment securities. The balance of these repurchase agreements at December 31, 2007 was \$18.2 million.

Other liabilities increased by \$905,000 to \$2.3 million at December 31, 2007 from \$1.4 million at December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to the increase in accrued income taxes for the year as compared to 2006.

Bancshares began 2006 with total stockholders' equity of \$55.1 million. Total equity decreased to \$54.0 million at December 31, 2007. This \$1.1 million decrease was due to the repurchase and retirement of \$6.1 million in common stock and the \$1.3 million payment of cash dividends of \$.20 per share in 2007. This was offset by comprehensive income of \$6.1 million and net proceeds of \$211,000 from stock options exercised in 2007.

Net Interest Income

Like most financial institutions, the primary component of earnings for Bancshares is net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between interest income, principally from loan and investment securities portfolios, and interest expense, principally on customer deposits and borrowings. Changes in net interest income result from changes in volume, spread and margin. Volume refers to the average dollar level of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, spread refers to the difference between the average yield on interest-earning assets and the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities, and margin refers to net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets and is influenced by the level and relative mix of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as levels of non-interest-bearing liabilities. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, average interest-earning assets were \$455.1 million, \$428.7 million, and \$385.9 million, respectively. During these same periods, Bancshares' net yields on average interest-earning assets (net interest margin) were 4.23%, 4.39%, and 4.25%, respectively.

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Average Balances and Average Rates Earned and Paid. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, information with regard to average balances of assets and liabilities, as well as the total dollar amounts of interest income from interest-earning assets and interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, resultant yields or costs, net interest income, net interest spread, net interest margin and ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities. Average loans include non-accruing loans, the effect of which is to lower the average rates shown.

	Year Ended December 31, 2007			Year Ended December 31, 2006			Year Ended December 31, 2005		
	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate	Average Balance	Interest	Average Rate
(Dollars in thousands)									
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans	\$ 370,832	\$ 31,374	8.46%	\$ 351,401	\$ 28,800	8.20%	\$ 317,986	\$ 23,062	7.25%
Investments	73,152	3,461	4.73%	66,446	2,990	4.50%	56,973	2,229	3.91%
Interest-earning deposits	11,092	591	5.33%	10,832	544	5.02%	10,960	293	2.67%
Total interest-earning assets	455,076	35,426	7.78%	428,679	32,334	7.54%	385,919	25,584	6.63%
Other assets	41,740			40,229			35,022		
Total assets	\$ 496,816			\$ 468,908			\$ 420,941		
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Deposits:									
Savings	\$ 24,209	606	2.50%	\$ 11,612	40	0.34%	11,845	28	0.24%
Money market and NOW	75,839	1,634	2.15%	80,180	1,597	1.99%	70,425	1,021	1.45%
Time	240,797	11,901	4.94%	223,140	9,620	4.31%	196,203	6,241	3.18%
Borrowings ⁽¹⁾	40,151	2,052	5.11%	40,430	2,264	5.60%	41,757	1,890	4.53%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	380,996	16,193	4.25%	355,362	13,521	3.80%	320,230	9,180	2.87%
Non-interest bearing deposits	59,376			58,705			53,753		
Other liabilities	1,608			1,917			1,021		
Stockholders equity	54,836			52,924			45,937		
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 496,816			\$ 468,908			\$ 420,941		
Net interest income and interest rate spread		\$ 19,233	3.53%		\$ 18,813	3.74%		\$ 16,404	3.76%
Net yield on average interest-earning assets			4.23%			4.39%			4.25%
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	119.44%			120.63%			120.51%		

⁽¹⁾ Borrowings includes borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank, securities sold under agreement to repurchase, federal funds sold, capital lease obligation and junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures.

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The following table analyzes the dollar amount of changes in interest income and interest expense for major components of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. The table distinguishes between (i) changes attributable to volume (changes in volume multiplied by the prior period's rate), (ii) changes attributable to rate (changes in rate multiplied by the prior period's volume), and (iii) net change (the sum of the previous columns). The change attributable to both rate and volume (changes in rate multiplied by changes in volume) has been allocated equally to both the changes attributable to volume and the changes attributable to rate.

	December 31, 2007 vs. 2006			December 31, 2006 vs. 2005		
	Increase (Decrease)			Increase (Decrease)		
	Due to			Due to		
	Volume	Rate	Total	Volume	Rate	Total
Interest income:						
Loans	\$ 1,618	\$ 956	\$ 2,574	\$ 2,581	\$ 3,157	\$ 5,738
Investment securities	310	161	471	359	402	761
Interest-earning deposits with banks	13	34	47	(5)	256	251
Total interest income	1,941	1,151	3,092	2,935	3,815	6,750
Interest expense:						
Deposits	906	1,978	2,884	1,176	2,791	3,967
Borrowings	(15)	(197)	(212)	(67)	441	374
Total interest expense	891	1,781	2,672	1,109	3,232	4,341
Net interest income	\$ 1,050	\$ (630)	\$ 420	\$ 1,826	\$ 583	\$ 2,409

Table of Contents**Comparison of Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006**

Net Income. Bancshares generated net income in 2007 of \$5.0 million compared to net income in 2006 of \$4.3 million. On a per share basis, fully diluted earnings were \$.72 for 2007 compared to \$.60 for 2006. Return on average assets was 1.01% and 0.91% and return on average equity was 9.15% and 8.08% for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2007 were positively impacted by solid growth in average earning assets and by a \$1.6 million decrease in the provision for loan losses. The impact of the growth in average earning assets was further enhanced by the increase in the yield on interest-earning assets, which increased to 7.78% in 2007 from 7.54% in 2006. Earnings were negatively impacted by an increase in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities from 3.80% in 2006 to 4.25% in 2007, as deposit cost increases outpaced increases in asset yields.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income increased \$420,000 from \$18.8 million in 2006 to \$19.2 million in 2007. Total interest income benefited from strong growth in average earning assets.

Total average earning assets increased \$26.4 million or 6.2% from an average of \$428.7 million in 2006 to an average of \$455.1 million in 2007. Bancshares experienced solid loan growth during 2007 with average loan balances increasing by \$19.4 million. The increase in the average balances for investment securities and interest-earning deposits was \$7.0 million. Total interest income increased \$3.1 million due to the increase in average earning assets of \$26.4 million, complemented by an increase in yield on earning assets from 7.54% in 2006 to 7.78% in 2007. Average total interest-bearing liabilities increased by \$25.6 million during 2007, consisting of a \$25.9 million increase in average interest-bearing deposits while average borrowings decreased \$279,000.

Net interest margin is interest income earned on loans, securities and other earning assets, less interest expense paid on deposits and borrowings, expressed as a percentage of total average earning assets. The net interest margin for the year ended 2007 was 4.23% compared to 4.39% for 2006. The decrease in net interest margin resulted from the differences between the terms and conditions of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Interest rates on a significant portion of our earning assets, such as certain loans and short-term investments, are tied to index rates, including the prime lending rate and the Federal Funds rate. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) raised the target Federal Funds Rate to a high in this interest rate cycle of 5.25% on June 6, 2006. The increases through that date resulted in immediate increases in the yield on our loans based on the bank prime rate resulting in an average rate in 2006 of 8.20%. The FOMC left the target Federal Funds Rate unchanged until September 17, 2007 and then reduced it 100 basis points through the end of December 31, 2007 resulting in an average rate on loans in 2007 of 8.46% or a 26 basis point increase. Investments and interest-earning deposits were also similarly affected by the change in rates. The rate on total interest-earning assets increased by 24 basis points from 7.54% in 2006 to 7.78% in 2007. Conversely, rates on a significant portion of interest-bearing liabilities such as certificates of deposits and borrowings remain fixed until maturity. While we benefited from the increase in rates through June of 2006, the stabilization of rates in late 2006 resulted in an increase in our funding costs as fixed rate liabilities matured and were re-priced at current higher rates. Time deposit cost was most affected as the average rate increased 63 basis points from 4.31% in 2006 to 4.94% for 2007. The overall cost of interest-bearing liabilities increased 45 basis points from 3.80% in 2006 to 4.25% in 2007. During the last half of 2007, the FOMC rate decreases resulted in immediate decreases in income on loans while the cost of funding sources remained relatively unchanged. Such interest rates are significantly affected by competitive pressures in the marketplace.

Provision for Loan Losses. Bancshares' provision for loan losses for 2007 was \$1.0 million, representing a \$1.6 million or 60.1% decrease from the \$2.6 million recorded for 2006. Provisions for loan losses are charged to income to bring the allowance for loan losses to a level deemed appropriate by management based on factors discussed under Analysis of Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses was \$5.7 million at December 31, 2007, representing 1.46% of total outstanding loans and 333% of non-performing loans. The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2006 was \$5.6 million, representing 1.52% of total outstanding loans at that date and 311% of non-performing loans. The decrease in provision for 2007 was primarily related to a decrease in net charge-offs in the leasing portfolio during the year. Net lease charge-offs totaled \$637,000 in 2007 as compared to \$1.2 million in 2006. In addition, non-accrual loans and leases decreased \$858,000 from \$1.8 million at December 31, 2006 to \$1.2 million at December 31, 2007. Management has provided individual reserves for these leases and is aggressively pursuing collection and liquidating any underlying collateral as necessary.

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Non-interest Income. Non-interest income increased by \$38,000 or 1.1% to \$3.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The largest components of non-interest income were service charges on deposit accounts of \$2.4 million in 2007, an increase of \$26,000 from 2006, fees from mortgage banking operations of \$326,000 in 2007 as compared to \$352,000 in 2006, a \$26,000 or 7.4% decrease, and a gain on derivative transactions of \$214,000 as compared to a gain of \$10,000 in 2006. There were no gains on derivative transactions in 2005.

Non-interest Expenses. Total non-interest expense increased \$856,000 from \$12.8 million in 2006 to \$13.7 million in 2007. This 6.7% increase was primarily due to increases in compensation and increases in other expenses related to branch growth. Salaries and benefits expense was \$6.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, representing a \$419,000 or 6.5% increase over the \$6.5 million recorded for the prior year. Occupancy and equipment costs were \$2.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 representing a \$67,000 or 3.0% decrease over the \$2.3 million for the prior year. Other expenses increased \$428,000 or 10.4% from 2006 the majority of which was due to increases in data processing and technology expenses and to professional fees in 2007. In addition, the Bank recorded an other than temporary loss on non-marketable equity securities of \$76,000 in 2007 related to an investment in a trust company, whose primary shareholders are ten community banks located throughout North Carolina. There were no other than temporary impairments in 2006.

Provision for Income Taxes. Bancshares had tax expense of \$2.9 million, or 36.4% of income before income taxes, for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to an income tax expense of \$2.4 million in 2006 or 36.3% of income before income taxes.

Comparison of Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

Net Income. Bancshares generated net income in 2006 of \$4.3 million compared to net income in 2005 of \$4.5 million. On a per share basis, fully diluted earnings were \$.60 for 2006 compared to \$.66 for 2005. Return on average assets was .91% and 1.07% and return on average equity was 8.08% and 9.81% for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Earnings for the year ended December 31, 2006 were positively impacted by strong growth in average earning assets and by increases in net interest income. The impact of the growth in average earning assets was further enhanced by the increase in the yield on interest-earning assets, which increased to 7.54% in 2006 from 6.63% in 2005. Earnings were negatively impacted by a \$1.8 million increase in the provision for loan losses. This increase in the provision was primarily a result of losses incurred within the leasing portfolio.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income increased \$2.4 million from \$16.4 million in 2005 to \$18.8 million in 2006. Total interest income benefited from strong growth in average earning assets combined with an increase in net interest margin from 4.25% in 2005 to 4.39% in 2006.

Total average earning assets increased \$42.8 million or 10.8% from an average of \$385.9 million in 2005 to an average of \$428.7 million in 2006. Bancshares experienced solid loan growth during 2006 with average loan balances increasing by \$33.4 million. The increase in the average balances for investment securities and interest-earning deposits was \$9.3 million. Total interest income increased \$6.8 million due to an increase in average earning assets of \$42.8 million, complemented by an increase in yield on earning assets from 6.63% in 2005 to 7.54% in 2006. Average total interest-bearing liabilities increased by \$35.1 million during 2006, consisting of a \$36.5 million increase in average interest-bearing deposits while average borrowings decreased \$1.3 million.

Net interest margin is interest income earned on loans, securities and other earning assets, less interest expense paid on deposits and borrowings, expressed as a percentage of total average earning assets. The net interest margin for the year ended 2006 was 4.39% compared to 4.25% for 2005. The increase in net interest margin resulted from the differences between the terms and conditions of earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Interest rates on a significant portion of our earning assets, such as certain loans and short-term investments, are tied to index rates, including the prime lending rate and the Federal Funds rate. Conversely, rates on a significant portion of interest-bearing liabilities such as certificates of deposits and borrowings remain fixed until maturity. During 2006, the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee increased short-term interest rates four times for a total of 100 basis points. When an interest rate increase occurs, yields on certain assets are increased immediately while the impact on deposits and borrowings is delayed until such time as these instruments mature and are replaced with instruments that reflect the interest rate increase. The average yield on earning assets for 2006 was 7.54% or 91 basis points higher than the 6.63% for 2005. The 2006 average cost of interest-bearing liabilities was 3.80% or 93 basis points higher than the 2.87% for 2005. As a result, the interest rate spread, which is the difference between the average yield on earning assets and the cost of interest-bearing funds, decreased to 3.74% in 2006 from 3.76% in 2005.

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Provision for Loan Losses. Bancshares' provision for loan losses for 2006 was \$2.6 million, representing a \$1.8 million or 14.7% increase from the \$809,000 recorded for 2005. Provisions for loan losses are charged to income to bring the allowance for loan losses to a level deemed appropriate by management based on factors discussed under *Analysis of Loan Losses*. The allowance for loan losses was \$5.6 million at December 31, 2006, representing 1.52% of total outstanding loans and 311% of non-performing loans. The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2005 was \$4.3 million, representing 1.30% of total outstanding loans at that date and 455% of non-performing loans. The increase in provision for 2006 was primarily related to an increase in net charge-offs in the leasing portfolio during the year. Net lease charge-offs totaled \$1.2 million in 2006 as compared to \$24,000 in 2005. In addition, non-accrual loans and leases increased \$858,000 from \$951,000 at December 31, 2005 to \$1.8 million at December 31, 2006. Management has provided individual reserves for these leases and is aggressively pursuing collection and liquidating any underlying collateral as necessary.

Non-interest Income. Non-interest income increased by \$59,000 or 1.8% to \$3.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The largest components of non-interest income were service charges on deposit accounts of \$2.4 million in 2006, an increase of \$88,000 from 2005, fees from mortgage banking operations of \$352,000 in 2006 as compared to \$385,000 in 2005, a \$33,000 or 8.6% decrease, and fees from accounts receivable financing of \$102,000 in 2006 as compared to \$110,000 in 2005, a 7.3% decrease. Fees from mortgage banking operations decreased as long-term rates increased in 2006.

Non-interest Expenses. Total non-interest expense increased \$1.1 million from \$11.7 million in 2005 to \$12.8 million in 2006. This 9.3% increase was primarily due to increases in compensation associated with the addition of two branches in 2005 in operation for all of 2006 and other growth and increases in occupancy and equipment expenses related to branch growth. Salaries and benefits expense was \$6.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, representing a \$735,000 or 12.8% increase over the \$5.7 million recorded for the prior year. Occupancy and equipment costs were \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 representing a \$111,000 or 5.2% increase over the \$2.2 million for the prior year. Other expenses increased \$250,000 or 6.5% from 2005 primarily due to increases in office expenses, advertising and promotion, and professional fees related to the new branches in operation for all of 2006.

Provision for Income Taxes. Bancshares had tax expense of \$2.4 million, or 36.3% of income before income taxes, for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to an income tax expense of \$2.6 million in 2005 or 36.9% of income before income taxes.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Maintaining adequate liquidity while managing interest rate risk is the primary goal of Bancshares' asset and liability management strategy. Liquidity is the ability to fund the needs of Bancshares' borrowers and depositors, pay operating expenses, and meet regulatory liquidity requirements. Maturing investments, loan and mortgage-backed security principal repayments, deposit growth and borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank and other lenders are presently the main sources of Bancshares' liquidity. Bancshares' primary uses of liquidity are to fund loans, operating expenses, deposit withdrawals, repay borrowings and to make investments.

As of December 31, 2007, liquid assets (cash and due from banks, interest-earning deposits with banks, and investment securities available for sale) were approximately \$90.3 million, which represents 18% of total assets and 20% of total deposits and borrowings. Supplementing this liquidity, Bancshares has lines of credit from correspondent banks of approximately \$29.5 million and an additional line of credit with the FHLB equal to 15% of assets (subject to available qualified collateral, with borrowings of \$6.0 million outstanding from the FHLB at December 31, 2007). At December 31, 2007, outstanding commitments to extend credit were \$7.5 million and available line of credit balances totaled \$63.2 million. Management believes that the combined aggregate liquidity position of Bancshares is sufficient to meet the funding requirements of loan demand and deposit maturities and withdrawals in the near term.

Certificates of deposit represented 63.4% of Bancshares' total deposits at December 31, 2007 an increase from 56.3% at December 31, 2006. Bancshares' growth strategy will include efforts focused on increasing the relative volume of transaction deposit accounts. Certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more represented 36.0% of Bancshares' total deposits at December 31, 2007. These deposits are generally considered rate sensitive, but management believes most of them are relationship-oriented. While Bancshares will need to pay competitive rates to retain these deposits at maturity, there are other subjective factors that will determine Bancshares' continued retention of those deposits.

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Banks and bank holding companies, as regulated institutions, must meet required levels of capital. The FDIC and the Federal Reserve, the primary regulators of the Bank and Bancshares, respectively, have adopted minimum capital regulations or guidelines that categorize components and the level of risk associated with various types of assets. Financial institutions are expected to maintain a level of capital commensurate with the risk profile assigned to its assets in accordance with these guidelines. At December 31, 2007, Bancshares maintained capital levels exceeding the minimum levels for adequately capitalized bank holding companies and banks.

Capital Ratios

Bancshares and the Bank are subject to minimum capital requirements. As the following table indicates, at December 31, 2007, we exceeded our regulatory capital requirements.

	At December 31, 2007		
	Actual Ratio	Minimum Requirement	Well-Capitalized Requirement
American Community Bank:			
Total risk-based capital ratio	11.42%	8.00%	10.00%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	10.17%	4.00%	5.00%
Leverage ratio	8.58%	4.00%	5.00%
American Community Bancshares:			
Total risk-based capital ratio	14.24%	8.00%	NA
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio	12.98%	4.00%	NA
Leverage ratio	11.02%	4.00%	NA

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve released a final rule confirming that trust preferred securities, such as those issued by American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd., will continue to be included in Tier 1 capital up to applicable quantitative limits until notice is given to the contrary. Accordingly, the ratios contained in the table above reflect the inclusion of our outstanding trust preferred securities. There can be no assurance that the Federal Reserve will continue to allow institutions to include trust preferred securities in Tier 1 capital for regulatory capital purposes. In the event of a disallowance, there would be a reduction in our consolidated capital ratios. However, we believe that the Bank would still exceed the required regulatory minimums for capital adequacy purposes.

Asset/Liability Management

Bancshares' asset/liability management, or interest rate risk management, program is focused primarily on evaluating and managing the composition of its assets and liabilities in view of various interest rate scenarios. Factors beyond Bancshares' control, such as market interest rates and competition, may also have an impact on Bancshares' interest income and interest expense.

Interest Rate Gap Analysis. As a part of its interest rate risk management policy, Bancshares calculates an interest rate gap. Interest rate gap analysis is a common, though imperfect, measure of interest rate risk, which measures the relative dollar amounts of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, which reprice within a specific time period, either through maturity or rate adjustment. The gap is the difference between the amounts of such assets and liabilities that are subject to repricing. A positive gap for a given period means that the amount of interest-earning assets maturing or otherwise repricing within that period exceeds the amount of interest-bearing liabilities maturing or otherwise repricing within the same period. Accordingly, in a declining interest rate environment, an institution with a positive gap would generally be expected, absent the effects of other factors, to experience a decrease in the yield on its assets greater than the decrease in the cost of its liabilities and its income should be negatively affected. Conversely, the cost of funds for an institution with a positive gap would generally be expected to increase more slowly than the yield on its assets in a rising interest rate environment, and such institution's net interest income generally would be expected to be positively affected by rising interest rates. Changes in interest rates generally have the opposite effect on an institution with a negative gap.

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The following table sets forth the amounts of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2007, which are projected to reprice or mature in each of the future time periods shown. Except as stated below, the amounts of assets and liabilities shown which reprice or mature within a particular period were determined in accordance with the contractual terms of the assets or liabilities. Loans with adjustable rates are shown as being due at the end of the next upcoming adjustment period. Money market deposit accounts and negotiable order of withdrawal or other transaction accounts are assumed to pay out over a decay schedule. In making the gap computations, standard assumptions regarding prepayment rates and deposit decay rates have been used for interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. In addition, the table reflects scheduled principal payments, which will be received throughout the lives of the loans. The interest rate sensitivity of Bancshares' assets and liabilities illustrated in the following table would vary substantially if different assumptions were used or if actual experience differs from that indicated by such assumptions.

	Terms to Repricing at December 31, 2007				Total
	3 Months or Less	More Than 3 Months to 6 Months	More Than 6 Months to 12 Months	Over 12 Months	
(Dollars in thousands)					
INTEREST EARNING-ASSETS					
Loans receivable:					
Real estate mortgage loans	\$ 170,983	\$ 6,166	\$ 9,526	\$ 89,745	\$ 276,420
Home equity lines of credit	34,784				34,784
Commercial and industrial loans	42,503	2,481	5,111	7,863	57,958
Loans to individuals	7,031	2,394	2,497	8,088	20,010
Lease financing, net	717	705	869	1,650	3,941
Interest earning deposits with banks	930				930
Investment securities	2,620	5,141	2,196	66,825	76,782
Non-marketable equity securities				2,119	2,119
Derivative financial instruments	(45,000)			45,000	
Total interest-earning assets	\$ 214,568	\$ 16,887	\$ 20,199	\$ 221,290	\$ 472,944
INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES					
Deposits:					
Interest-bearing demand	\$ 31,816	\$ 763	\$ 1,526	\$ 57,953	\$ 92,058
Time	89,444	48,040	91,121	24,672	253,277
Short-term borrowings	31,509				31,509
Long-term debt	10,310			7,685	17,995
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 163,079	\$ 48,803	\$ 92,647	\$ 90,310	\$ 394,839
INTEREST SENSITIVITY GAP PER PERIOD	\$ 51,489	\$ (31,916)	\$ (72,448)	\$ 130,980	\$ 78,105
CUMULATIVE INTEREST SENSITIVITY GAP	\$ 51,489	\$ 19,573	\$ (52,875)	\$ 78,105	\$ 78,105
CUMULATIVE GAP AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS	10.89%	4.14%	-11.18%	16.51%	16.51%
CUMULATIVE INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS AS A PERCENTAGE OF CUMULATIVE INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES	131.57%	109.24%	82.64%	119.78%	119.78%

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In order to assist in achieving a desired level of interest rate sensitivity, the Company has entered into off-balance sheet contracts that are considered derivative financial instruments. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had cash flow hedges with a notional amount of \$45.0 million. These derivative instruments consist of two interest rate floor contracts that are used to hedge future cash flows of the first \$45.0 million of certain variable rate loans against the downward effects of their repricing in the event of a decreasing rate environment for a period of three years ending in February 2009 and June 2009. If the prime rate falls below 7.25% during the term of the contract on the first floor, the Company will receive payments based on the \$30.0 million notional amount times the difference between 7.25% and the weighted average prime rate for the quarter. No payments will be received by the Company if the weighted average prime rate is 7.25% or higher. The Company paid a premium of \$228,000 on this contract. If the prime rate falls below 7.75% during the term of the contract on the second floor, the Company will receive payments based on the \$15.0 million notional amount times the difference between 7.75% and the weighted average prime rate for the quarter. No payments will be received by the Company if the weighted average prime rate is 7.75% or higher. The Company paid a premium of \$95,250 on this contract. The Company received payments of \$3,229 in 2007 on the 7.75% contract and received no payments on either contract in 2006.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Bancshares' discussion and analysis of its financial condition and results of operations are based upon its consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires Bancshares to make estimates and judgments regarding uncertainties that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. On an ongoing basis, Bancshares evaluates its estimates which are based upon historical experience and on other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Bancshares' significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements. Bancshares considers the following accounting policies to be most critical in their potential effect on its financial position or results of operations.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is established as probable losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings. The provision for loan losses is based upon management's best estimate of the amount needed to maintain the allowance for loan losses at an adequate level. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is evident. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for loan losses is evaluated on a regular basis by management and is based upon management's periodic review of the collectibility of the loans in light of the current status of the portfolio, historical experience, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, and prevailing economic conditions. Management segments the loan portfolio by loan type in considering each of the aforementioned factors and their impact upon the level of the allowance for loan losses. While management uses the best information available to make evaluations, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used in making the evaluations. In addition, regulatory examiners may require American Community Bank to recognize adjustments to the allowance for loan losses based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

Loans are considered impaired when it is probable that all amounts due under the contractual terms of the loan will not be collected. The measurement of impaired loans is generally based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the historical effective interest rate, or upon the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. If the recorded investment in the loan exceeds the measure of fair value, a valuation allowance is established as a component of the allowance for loan losses.

Table of Contents**Interest Income Recognition**

Interest on loans is included in income as earned based upon interest rates applied to unpaid principal. Interest is generally not accrued on loans 90 days or more past due unless the loans are adequately secured and in the process of collection. Interest is not accrued on other loans when management believes collection is doubtful. All loans considered impaired are non-accruing. Interest on non-accruing loans is recognized as payments are received when the ultimate collectibility of interest is no longer considered doubtful. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, all interest previously accrued is reversed against current-period interest income.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill arose from the 2004 purchase of First National Bank of the Carolinas. Pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, goodwill acquired will not be amortized but will be subject to an annual impairment test. The impairment test is a two-step process that begins with a comparison of book value and stock price. If the initial evaluation suggests that an impairment of the asset value exists, the second step would determine the amount of the impairment, if any. If the tests conclude that goodwill is impaired, the carrying value would be adjusted, and an impairment loss would be recorded. As of December 31, 2007 goodwill was not impaired. The Company reviews other identified intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If the sum of the expected future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized.

Contractual Obligations

The following table reflects the contractual obligations of the Company outstanding as of December 31, 2007.

	Payments Due by Period				Total
	On Demand or Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	After 5 Years	
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Advances from FHLB	\$	\$	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase and federal funds sold	31,509				31,509
Capital lease obligation	10	33	50	1,592	1,685
Junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures				10,310	10,310
Operating leases	782	1,267	631	2,089	4,769
Other contractual obligations	560	1,232			1,792
Total contractual cash obligations, excluding deposits	32,861	2,532	1,681	18,991	56,065
Deposits	375,122	21,748	2,924		399,794
Total contractual cash obligations, including deposits	\$ 407,983	\$ 24,280	\$ 4,605	\$ 18,991	\$ 455,859

It has been the experience of Bancshares that deposit withdrawals are generally replaced with new deposits, thus not requiring any net cash outflow. Based on that assumption, management believes that it can meet its contractual cash obligations from normal operations.

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Bancshares is a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk including commitments to extend credit under existing lines of credit. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheet.

Off-balance sheet financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit and interest rate risk are summarized as follows:

	Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Period (Dollars in thousands)					Total
	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	After 5 Years		
Capital South Partnership commitments	\$ 825	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 825
Standby letters of credit	2,908					2,908
Commitments to extend credit	7,488					7,488
Undisbursed lines of credit	30,970	5,056	3,160	24,019		63,205
Undisbursed portion of construction loans	34,147					34,147
Total off-balance sheet commitments	\$ 76,338	\$ 5,056	\$ 3,160	\$ 24,019		\$ 108,573

Bancshares does not have any special purpose entities or other similar forms of off-balance sheet financing arrangements.

Commitments to originate loans or to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Loan commitments generally expire within 30 to 45 days. Most equity line commitments are for a term of 15 years, and commercial lines of credit are generally renewable on an annual basis. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Bancshares evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amounts of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by Bancshares upon extension of credit, is based on management's credit evaluation of the borrower.

Related Party Transactions

Bancshares' related party transactions have been limited to 1) loans made to executive officers and directors in the ordinary course of business and 2) the lease of certain buildings at prevailing market rates. At December 31, 2007, Bancshares had loans outstanding to executive officers and directors totaling approximately \$3.5 million. These loans were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other non-related borrowers. Management does not believe these loans involve more than the normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features. The \$3.5 million in outstanding related party loans represents 0.9% of Bancshares' total loan portfolio. Bancshares has never charged-off a loan to a related party.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

FIN 48

The Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48), on January 1, 2007. FIN 48 applies to all tax positions within the scope of SFAS 109. This statement requires a more-likely-than-not threshold for initial recognition of a tax benefit in the financial statements, and requires measurement of the amount of benefit to be recognized based upon the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the taxing authority. The Company has analyzed its tax positions pursuant to the requirements of FIN 48 and determined that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits is needed. Therefore, the adoption of FIN 48 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

FAS 141R

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141(R), Business Combinations. SFAS 141(R) will significantly change how entities apply the acquisition method to business combinations. The most significant changes affecting how the Corporation will account for business combinations under this Statement include: the acquisition date will be the date the acquirer obtains control; all (and only) identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and noncontrolling interests in the acquiree will be stated at fair value on the acquisition date; assets or liabilities arising from noncontractual contingencies will be measured at their acquisition date fair value only if it is more likely than not that they meet the definition of an asset or liability on the acquisition date; adjustments subsequently made to the provisional amounts recorded on the acquisition date will be made retroactively during a measurement period not to exceed one year; acquisition-related restructuring costs that do not meet the criteria in SFAS 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities, will be expensed as incurred; transaction costs will be expensed as incurred; reversals of deferred income tax valuation allowances and income tax contingencies will be recognized in earnings subsequent to the measurement period; and the allowance for loan losses of an acquiree will not be permitted to be recognized by the acquirer. Additionally, SFAS 141(R) will require new and modified disclosures surrounding subsequent changes to acquisition-related contingencies, contingent consideration, noncontrolling interests, acquisition-related transaction costs, fair values and cash flows not expected to be collected for acquired loans, and an enhanced goodwill rollforward.

The Company will be required to prospectively apply SFAS 141(R) to all business combinations completed on or after January 1, 2009. Early adoption is not permitted. For business combinations in which the acquisition date was before the effective date, the provisions of SFAS 141(R) will apply to the subsequent accounting for deferred income tax valuation allowances and income tax contingencies and will require any changes in those amounts to be recorded in earnings. Management is currently evaluating the effects that SFAS 141(R) will have on the financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, and the disclosures that will be presented in the consolidated financial statements.

FAS 157

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FASB Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FASB No. 157), which enhances existing guidance for measuring assets and liabilities using fair value and requires additional disclosure about the use of fair value for measurement. The Statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will be required to adopt SFAS No. 157 in the first quarter of 2008, and is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 157 on its financial position and results of operations, including the valuation methods and support for the assumptions that underlie the valuation.

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FAS 159

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities – Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115*. This standard permits an entity to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This option is available to all entities. Most of the provisions in SFAS 159 are elective; however, the amendment to SFAS 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*, applies to all entities with available-for-sale and trading securities. SFAS 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company did not elect the fair value option as of January 1, 2008 for any of its financial assets or financial liabilities and, accordingly, the adoption of the statement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

From time to time, the FASB issues exposure drafts for proposed statements of financial accounting standards. Such exposure drafts are subject to comment from the public, to revisions by the FASB and to final issuance by the FASB as statements of financial accounting standards. Management considers the effect of the proposed statements on the consolidated financial statements of the Company and monitors the status of changes to and proposed effective dates of exposure drafts.

Table of Contents**ITEM 7A QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Market risk reflects the risk of economic loss resulting from adverse changes in market price and interest rates. This risk of loss can be reflected in diminished current market values and/or reduced potential net interest income in future periods. Our market risk arises primarily from interest rate risk inherent in our lending and deposit-taking activities. The structure of our loan and deposit portfolios is such that a significant decline in interest rates may adversely impact net market values and net interest income. We do not maintain a trading account nor are we subject to currency exchange risk or commodity price risk. Interest rate risk is monitored as part of the Bank's asset/liability management functions. The following table presents information about the contractual maturities, average interest rates and estimated fair values of our financial instruments that are considered market risk sensitive at December 31, 2007.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Beyond Five Years	Total	Average Interest Rate	Estimated Fair Value
	(Dollars in thousands)								
FINANCIAL ASSETS									
Investment securities									
Available for sale	\$ 3,023	\$ 626	\$ 1,004	\$ 1,160	\$ 68,607	\$ 74,420		5.12%	\$ 75,012
Held to maturity					1,770	1,770		5.78%	1,804
Non-marketable equity					2,119	2,119			2,119
Loans	194,509	144,999	7,859	7,207	37,852	687	393,113	7.56%	395,458
Total	\$ 197,532	\$ 144,999	\$ 8,485	\$ 8,211	\$ 39,012	\$ 73,183	\$ 471,422		\$ 474,393
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES									
Interest-bearing demand accounts	\$ 34,105	\$ 3,050	\$ 3,050	\$ 4,575	\$ 4,575	\$ 42,703	\$ 92,058	1.62%	\$ 78,643
Time deposits	228,605	16,761	4,987	914	2,010		253,277	4.88%	255,971
Borrowings	31,519	10	22	24	1,026	16,903	49,504	4.43%	49,695
Total	\$ 294,229	\$ 19,821	\$ 8,059	\$ 5,513	\$ 7,611	\$ 59,606	\$ 394,839		\$ 384,309

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ITEM 8 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

AMERICAN COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

American Community Bancshares, Inc.

Charlotte, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of American Community Bancshares, Inc. and subsidiary (the Company) as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Community Bancshares, Inc. and subsidiary at December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated March 13, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Charlotte, North Carolina

March 13, 2008

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	2007	2006
	(Amounts in thousands)	
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 14,346	\$ 19,950
Interest-earning deposits with banks	930	17,295
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value (cost of \$74,420 and \$63,921 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively)	75,012	63,018
Investment securities held to maturity, at cost (fair value approximates \$1,804 and \$2,192 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively)	1,770	2,174
Loans	392,959	370,431
Allowance for loan losses	(5,740)	(5,628)
NET LOANS	387,219	364,803
Accrued interest receivable	2,640	2,938
Bank premises and equipment	8,694	9,105
Foreclosed real estate		195
Non-marketable equity securities, at cost	2,119	1,879
Goodwill	9,838	9,838
Other assets	3,027	3,463
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 505,595	\$ 494,658
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Deposits		
Demand non-interest bearing	\$ 54,459	\$ 61,735
Savings	24,181	15,111
Money market and NOW	67,877	98,333
Time	253,277	225,958
TOTAL DEPOSITS	399,794	401,137
Short-term borrowings	31,509	15,473
Long-term debt	17,995	21,612
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,273	1,368
TOTAL LIABILITIES	451,571	439,590
Stockholders Equity		
Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued		
Common stock, \$1 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, 6,502,288 and 7,008,081 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively	6,502	7,008
Additional paid-in capital	32,364	37,637
Retained earnings	14,744	11,072
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	414	(649)

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TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY	54,024	55,068
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY	\$ 505,595	\$ 494,658

See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements.

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	2007	2006	2005
	(Amounts in thousands, except		
	share and per share data)		
INTEREST INCOME			
Loans, including fees	\$ 31,374	\$ 28,800	\$ 23,062
Investment securities:			
Taxable	3,046	2,702	2,051
Tax-exempt	415	288	178
Interest-earning deposits with banks	591	544	293
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	35,426	32,334	25,584
INTEREST EXPENSE			
Money market, NOW and savings deposits	2,240	1,637	1,049
Time deposits	11,901	9,620	6,241
Borrowings	214	452	484
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase and federal funds purchased	793	523	301
Capital lease obligation	139	140	140
Junior subordinated debentures	906	1,149	965
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	16,193	13,521	9,180
NET INTEREST INCOME	19,233	18,813	16,404
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	1,033	2,612	809
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	18,200	16,201	15,595
NON-INTEREST INCOME			
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,419	2,393	2,305
Mortgage banking operations	326	352	385
Gain on sale of investment securities	20	60	10
Gain on derivative transactions	214		
Gain on sale of assets	53	79	68
Other	359	469	526
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME	3,391	3,353	3,294
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE			
Salaries and employee benefits	6,893	6,474	5,739
Occupancy and equipment	2,194	2,261	2,150
Other than temporary impairment of non-marketable equity securities	76		
Other	4,539	4,103	3,853
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE	13,702	12,838	11,742

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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	7,889	6,716	7,147
INCOME TAXES	2,869	2,440	2,639
NET INCOME	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,276	\$ 4,508
NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE			
Basic	\$.74	\$.62	\$.71
Diluted	\$.72	\$.60	\$.66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING			
Basic	6,779,635	6,913,534	6,364,336
Diluted	6,938,259	7,171,413	6,819,523

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Table of Contents**AMERICAN COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME***Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005*

	2007	2006	2005
	(Amounts in thousands)		
NET INCOME	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,276	\$ 4,508
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Securities available for sale:			
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	1,514	350	(1,018)
Tax effect	(583)	(133)	385
Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in income	(20)	(60)	(10)
Tax effect	8	23	3
Net of tax amount	919	180	(640)
Cash flow hedging activities:			
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on cash flow hedging activities	240	(139)	
Tax effect	(92)	53	
Reclassification adjustment for gains realized in income	(6)		
Tax effect	2		
Net of tax amount	144	(86)	
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	1,063	94	(640)
Total comprehensive income	\$ 6,083	\$ 4,370	\$ 3,868

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	Common stock		Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Total stockholders equity
	Shares	Amount				
(Amounts in thousands, except share data)						
Balance, January 1, 2005	3,489,249	\$ 3,489	\$ 29,055	\$ 4,531	\$ (103)	\$ 36,972
Comprehensive income:						
Net income				4,508		4,508
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax					(640)	(640)
Total comprehensive income						3,868
Cash dividends of \$.20 per share				(861)		(861)
Common stock issued pursuant to:						
Exercise of stock options	91,612	92	443			535
Exercise of warrants	987,812	988	9,384			10,372
Balance, December 31, 2005	4,568,673	4,569	38,882	8,178	(743)	50,886
Comprehensive income:						
Net income				4,276		4,276
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					94	94
Total comprehensive income						4,370
Stock split effected in the form of a 50% stock dividend	2,284,567	2,284	(2,284)			
Cash dividends of \$.20 per share				(1,382)		(1,382)
Shares repurchased	(23,700)	(24)	(239)			(263)
Expense recognized in connection with stock options			375			375
Common stock issued pursuant to:						
Exercise of stock options	178,541	179	733			912
Tax benefit from the exercise of stock options			170			170
Balance, December 31, 2006	7,008,081	7,008	37,637	11,072	(649)	55,068
Comprehensive income:						
Net income				5,020		5,020
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					1,063	1,063
Total comprehensive income						6,083
Cash dividends of \$.20 per share				(1,348)		(1,348)
Shares repurchased	(540,791)	(541)	(5,539)			(6,080)
Expense recognized in connection with stock options			52			52
Common stock issued pursuant to:						
Exercise of stock options	34,998	35	176			211
Tax benefit from the exercise of stock options			38			38

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Balance, December 31, 2007	6,502,288	\$ 6,502	\$ 32,364	\$ 14,744	\$	414	\$	54,024
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	2007	2006	2005
	(Amounts in thousands)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,276	\$ 4,508
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	937	1,072	1,219
Provision for loan losses	1,033	2,612	809
Deferred income taxes	(342)	(938)	559
Gain on sale of investment securities	(20)	(60)	(10)
Other than temporary impairment of non-marketable equity security	76		
Loss on sale of foreclosed real estate		144	116
(Gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets	(8)	7	
Recognition of hedge ineffectiveness	(214)	(10)	
Decrease in capital lease obligation	(9)	(9)	(8)
Equity compensation expense	52	375	
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable	298	(506)	(735)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	454	(97)	(723)
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and other liabilities	905	(551)	268
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	8,182	6,315	6,003
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of securities available for sale	(29,799)	(13,299)	(25,574)
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	6,460	3,909	2,801
Proceeds from maturities, calls and principal re-payments of securities available for sale	12,823	8,763	11,228
Proceeds from maturities, calls and principal re-payments of securities held to maturity	400		
Net increase in loans from originations and repayments	(23,503)	(39,375)	(25,168)
Purchases of bank premises and equipment	(379)	(326)	(1,867)
Proceeds from sale of bank premises and equipment	8	6	
Proceeds from sale of foreclosed real estate	249	384	365
Investment in non-marketable equity securities	(316)	(191)	(99)
Redemption of non-marketable equity securities		308	143
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(34,057)	(39,821)	(38,171)

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	2007	2006	2005
	(Amounts in thousands)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net increase (decrease) in demand deposits	(28,662)	31,916	17,092
Net increase in time deposits	27,319	23,820	21,644
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	211	912	10,907
Repurchase of common stock	(6,080)	(263)	
Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank advances		(5,111)	(1,667)
Redemption of long-term debt	(3,608)		
Excess tax benefits from stock options exercised	38	170	
Cash dividends paid on common stock	(1,348)	(1,382)	(861)
Net increase (decrease) in securities sold under agreement to repurchase and federal funds purchased	16,036	3,740	(14,030)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	3,906	53,802	33,085
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(21,969)	20,296	917
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	37,245	16,949	16,032
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	\$ 15,276	\$ 37,245	\$ 16,949
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	\$ 15,957	\$ 13,725	\$ 9,047
Income taxes	2,875	3,992	1,572
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Transfer of loans to foreclosed assets	\$ 54	\$ 337	483
Change in unrealized gain (losses) on available-for-sale securities and cash flow hedging activities, net of tax	1,063	94	(640)

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NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

In April 2000, American Community Bancshares, Inc. (Bancshares) was formed as a holding company for American Community Bank. Upon formation, one share of Bancshares \$1 par value common stock was exchanged for each of the then outstanding 1,492,063 shares of American Community Bank s \$5 par value common stock. Bancshares currently has no material operations and conducts no business on its own other than owning its wholly owned subsidiary, American Community Bank.

American Community Bank (American Community) was incorporated on November 13, 1998 and began banking operations on November 16, 1998. The Bank is engaged in general commercial and retail banking in Union and Mecklenburg Counties of North Carolina and Cherokee and York Counties of South Carolina, operating under the banking laws of North Carolina and the rules and regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks. The Bank undergoes periodic examinations by those regulatory authorities.

First National Bank of the Carolinas (First National) commenced operations on October 18, 1996 and was purchased by Bancshares on April 15, 2004. First National was merged into American Community on April 1, 2006.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of American Community Bancshares, Inc. and American Community Bank, together referred to herein as the Company. All significant inter-company transactions and balances are eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses.

Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are defined as those amounts included in the balance sheet captions cash and due from banks and interest-earning deposits with banks.

Investment Securities

Investment securities for which the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are reported at cost, adjusted for premiums and discounts that are recognized in interest income using the interest method over the period to maturity. Available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value and consist of securities not classified as trading securities or as held-to-maturity securities. Unrealized holding gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, net of deferred income taxes, are reported as a net amount in other comprehensive income. Gains and losses on the sale of available-for-sale securities are determined using the specific-identification method.

Declines in the fair value of individual held-to-maturity and available-for-sale securities below their cost that are other than temporary would result in write-downs of the individual securities to their fair value. Such write-downs would be included in earnings.

Premiums and discounts are recognized in interest income using the interest method over the period to maturity.

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Loans

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity are reported at their outstanding principal adjusted for any charge-offs, the allowance for loan losses, and any deferred fees or costs on originated loans and unamortized premiums or discounts on purchased loans. Interest on loans is accrued on the unpaid principal balance outstanding. Loan origination fees and certain direct origination costs are capitalized and recognized as an adjustment of the yield of the related loan. When doubt exists as to collectability of a loan (typically 90 days delinquent or impaired), the loan is placed on non-accrual status. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, interest accrued prior to the judgment of uncollectability is charged to income. Loans are returned to an accruing status only as payments are received and when collection of all principal and interest is no longer in doubt. Payments received on such non-accrual loans are applied first to outstanding loan amounts and next as a recovery of lost interest. In all cases, loans are placed on non-accrual or charged off at an earlier date if collection of principal or interest is considered doubtful.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is established as probable losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings. The provision for loan losses is based upon management's best estimate of the amount needed to maintain the allowance for loan losses at an adequate level. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is evident. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for loan losses is evaluated on a regular basis by management and is based upon management's periodic review of the collectibility of the loans in light of the current status of the portfolio, historical experience, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral, and prevailing economic conditions. Management segments the loan portfolio by loan type in considering each of the aforementioned factors and their impact upon the level of the allowance for loan losses. While management uses the best information available to make evaluations, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if conditions differ substantially from the assumptions used in making the evaluations. In addition, regulatory examiners may require American Community Bank to recognize adjustments to the allowance for loan losses based on their judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

Loans are considered impaired when it is probable that all amounts due under the contractual terms of the loan will not be collected. The measurement of impaired loans is generally based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the historical effective interest rate, or upon the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. If the recorded investment in the loan exceeds the measure of fair value, a valuation allowance is established as a component of the allowance for loan losses.

Foreclosed Real Estate

Real estate acquired through, or in lieu of, loan foreclosure is held for sale and is initially recorded at the lower of cost or fair value less estimated cost to sell at the date of foreclosure. Subsequent to foreclosure, valuations are periodically performed by management and the assets are carried at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. Revenue and expenses from operations are included in other expenses.

Bank Premises and Equipment

Bank premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated useful lives of the assets or, for those assets leased under capital leases, the lease term. Estimated useful lives are 35-40

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years for buildings and 3 to 7 years for furniture and equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the terms of the respective leases or the estimated useful lives of the improvements, whichever is shorter. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to operations as incurred, and additions and improvements to premises and equipment are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gains or losses are reflected in current operations.

Non-marketable equity securities

As a requirement for membership, the Bank invests in stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (FHLB), Bankers Bank, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. In addition, the Bank also invests in other equity investments for which the stock is not publicly traded. These investments are carried at cost.

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Intangible Assets

The Company's acquisition of FNB Bancshares, Inc. generated goodwill of \$9,838,173 and core deposit intangible assets of \$854,329. The Company uses a non-amortization approach to account for purchased goodwill. Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortized over their useful lives. The carrying value of the core deposit intangible asset totaled \$458,279, net of amortization of \$396,050, as of December 31, 2007. This intangible asset was determined by management to meet the criteria for recognition apart from goodwill and to have a finite life of 8 years. Amortization expense associated with the core deposit intangible asset was \$106,800 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005. In accordance with the Company's estimate of approximate lives of the acquired deposit relationships, an 8 year straight-line amortization schedule has been established for the core deposit intangible assets. Projected amortization expense for the years ending December 31, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 is \$106,800 per year. Projected amortization expense for the year ending December 31, 2012 is \$31,079.

Under generally accepted accounting principles, the Company reviews its amortizable intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicated the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment annually as of April 15th and on an interim basis when events or circumstances change. Management completed the annual goodwill impairment tests as of April 15, 2007, which indicated that no impairment had occurred. Management does not believe that events and circumstances subsequent to that date indicated that goodwill has been impaired.

Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that the tax benefits will not be realized. It is the Company's policy to recognize interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as components of income taxes. There were no interest or penalties accrued during the year. The Company's federal and state income tax returns are subject to examination for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Stock Compensation Plans

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment*, (SFAS No. 123R) which was issued by the FASB in December 2004. SFAS No. 123R revises SFAS No. 123 *Accounting for Stock Based Compensation*, and supersedes APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, (APB No. 25) and its related interpretations. SFAS No. 123R requires recognition of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments in the financial statements over the period the employee is required to perform the services in exchange for the award (presumptively the vesting period). SFAS No. 123R also requires measurement of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award based on the grant date fair value of the award. SFAS No. 123R also amends SFAS No. 95 *Statement of Cash Flows*, to require that excess tax benefits be reported as financing cash inflows, rather than as a reduction of taxes paid, which is included within operating cash flows.

The Company adopted SFAS No. 123R using the modified prospective application as permitted under SFAS No. 123R. Accordingly, prior period amounts have not been restated. Under this application, the Company is required to record compensation expense for all awards granted after the date of adoption and for the unvested portion of previously granted awards that remain outstanding at the date of adoption. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, the Company used the intrinsic value method as prescribed by APB No. 25 and thus recognized no compensation expense for options granted with exercise prices equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant.

Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into derivative contracts to manage interest rate risk by modifying the characteristics of the related balance sheet instruments in order to reduce the adverse effect of changes in interest rates. All derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value in the financial statements.

On the date a derivative contract is entered into, the Company designates the derivative as a fair value hedge, a cash flow hedge, or a trading instrument. Changes in the fair value of instruments used as fair value hedges are accounted for in the earnings of the period simultaneous with accounting for the fair value change of the item being hedged. Changes in the fair value of the effective portion of cash flow hedges are accounted for in other comprehensive income rather than earnings. Changes in fair value of instruments that are not intended as a hedge are accounted for in the earnings of the period of the change.

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If a derivative instrument designated as a fair value hedge is terminated or the hedge designation removed, the difference between a hedged item's then carrying amount and its face amount is recognized into income over the original hedge period. Likewise, if a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge is terminated or the hedge designation removed, related amounts accumulated in other accumulated comprehensive income are reclassified into earnings over the original hedge period during which the hedged item affects income.

The Company formally documents all hedging relationships, including an assessment that the derivative instruments are expected to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged items.

Comprehensive Income

Accounting principles generally require that recognized revenue, expenses, gains and losses be included in net income. Although certain changes in assets and liabilities, such as unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities and hedging activities, are reported as a separate component of the equity section of the balance sheet, such items, along with net income, are components of comprehensive income. The Company's components of accumulated other comprehensive income are unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities and unrealized gains (losses) on hedging activities.

At December 31, 2007, accumulated other comprehensive income consisted of net unrealized gains on securities available for sale of \$356,000 and net unrealized gains on derivatives of \$58,000. At December 31, 2006, accumulated other comprehensive loss consisted of net unrealized losses on securities available for sale of \$563,000 and net unrealized losses on derivatives of \$86,000.

Per Share Results

Basic and diluted net income per common share have been computed by dividing net income for each period by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each period after retroactively adjusting for the stock dividends.

Basic earnings per common share represents income available to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share reflect additional common shares that would have been outstanding if dilutive potential common shares had been issued, as well as any adjustment to income that would result from the assumed issuance. Potential common shares that may be issued by the Company relate solely to outstanding stock options and warrants and are determined using the treasury stock method.

Basic and diluted net income per share have been computed based upon net income as presented in the accompanying statements of operations divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding or assumed to be outstanding as summarized below:

	2007	2006	2005
Weighted average number of common shares used in computing basic net income per share	6,779,635	6,913,534	6,364,336
Effect of dilutive stock options and warrants	158,624	257,879	455,187
Weighted average number of common shares and dilutive potential common shares used in computing diluted net income per share	6,938,259	7,171,413	6,819,523

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For the year ended December 31, 2007, there were 90,329 options that were anti-dilutive since the exercise price exceeded the average market price for the year. For the year ended December 31, 2006 there were 93,000 options that were anti-dilutive. For the year ended December 31, 2005 there were no options that were anti-dilutive for the year. Anti-dilutive options are omitted from the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

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Segment Reporting

SFAS No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, requires management to report selected financial and descriptive information about reportable operating segments. It also establishes standards for related disclosures about products and services, geographic areas, and major customers. Generally, disclosures are required for segments internally identified to evaluate performance and resource allocation. In all material respects, the Company's operations are entirely within the commercial banking segment, and the consolidated financial statements presented herein reflect the results of that segment. The Company has no foreign operations or customers.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

FIN 48

The Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48)*, on January 1, 2007. FIN 48 applies to all tax positions within the scope of SFAS 109. This statement requires a more-likely-than-not threshold for initial recognition of a tax benefit in the financial statements, and requires measurement of the amount of benefit to be recognized based upon the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the taxing authority. The Company has analyzed its tax positions pursuant to the requirements of FIN 48 and determined that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits is needed. Therefore, the adoption of FIN 48 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

FAS 141R

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141(R), *Business Combinations*. SFAS 141(R) will significantly change how entities apply the acquisition method to business combinations. The most significant changes affecting how the Corporation will account for business combinations under this Statement include: the acquisition date will be date the acquirer obtains control; all (and only) identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and noncontrolling interests in the acquiree will be stated at fair value on the acquisition date; assets or liabilities arising from noncontractual contingencies will be measured at their acquisition date fair value only if it is more likely than not that they meet the definition of an asset or liability on the acquisition date; adjustments subsequently made to the provisional amounts recorded on the acquisition date will be made retroactively during a measurement period not to exceed one year; acquisition-related restructuring costs that do not meet the criteria in SFAS 146, *Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities*, will be expensed as incurred; transaction costs will be expensed as incurred; reversals of deferred income tax valuation allowances and income tax contingencies will be recognized in earnings subsequent to the measurement period; and the allowance for loan losses of an acquiree will not be permitted to be recognized by the acquirer. Additionally, SFAS 141(R) will require new and modified disclosures surrounding subsequent changes to acquisition-related contingencies, contingent consideration, noncontrolling interests, acquisition-related transaction costs, fair values and cash flows not expected to be collected for acquired loans, and an enhanced goodwill rollforward.

The Company will be required to prospectively apply SFAS 141(R) to all business combinations completed on or after January 1, 2009. Early adoption is not permitted. For business combinations in which the acquisition date was before the effective date, the provisions of SFAS 141(R) will apply to the subsequent accounting for deferred income tax valuation allowances and income tax contingencies and will require any changes in those amounts to be recorded in earnings. Management is currently evaluating the effects that SFAS 141(R) will have on the financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, and the disclosures that will be presented in the consolidated financial statements.

FAS 157

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In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FASB Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FASB No. 157), which enhances existing guidance for measuring assets and liabilities using fair value and requires additional disclosure about the use of fair value for measurement. The Statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will be required to adopt SFAS No. 157 in the first quarter of 2008, and is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 157 on its financial position and results of operations, including the valuation methods and support for the assumptions that underlie the valuation.

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FAS 159

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115. This standard permits an entity to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This option is available to all entities. Most of the provisions in SFAS 159 are elective; however, the amendment to SFAS 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities, applies to all entities with available-for-sale and trading securities. SFAS 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company did not elect the fair value option as of January 1, 2008 for any of its financial assets or financial liabilities and, accordingly, the adoption of the statement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2006 and 2005 consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2007 presentation. The reclassifications had no effect on net income or stockholders' equity as previously reported.

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The following is a summary of the securities portfolio by major classification at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	2007			Fair Value
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Securities available for sale:				
U. S. Government agencies	\$ 13,635	\$ 341	\$ 10	\$ 13,966
Mortgage-backed securities	49,116	385	196	49,305
State and municipal bonds	10,762	109	44	10,827
	73,513	835	250	74,098
Marketable equity securities	907	7		914
Total securities available for sale	\$ 74,420	\$ 842	\$ 250	\$ 75,012

	2006			Fair Value
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Securities held to maturity:				
State and municipal bonds	\$ 1,770	\$ 34	\$	\$ 1,804
Total securities held to maturity	\$ 1,770	\$ 34	\$	\$ 1,804

	2006			Fair Value
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	
Securities available for sale:				
U. S. Government agencies	\$ 20,202	\$ 44	\$ 117	\$ 20,129
Mortgage-backed securities	37,047	10	835	36,222
State and municipal bonds	6,265	32	42	6,255
	63,514	86	994	62,606
Marketable equity securities	407	5		412
Total securities available for sale	\$ 63,921	\$ 91	\$ 994	\$ 63,018

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	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains (Dollars in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Securities held to maturity:				
State and municipal bonds	\$ 2,174	\$ 18	\$	\$ 2,192
Total securities held to maturity	\$ 2,174	\$ 18	\$	\$ 2,192

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The amortized cost and fair values of securities (excluding marketable equity securities) at December 31, 2007 by contractual maturity are shown below. Actual expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations.

	At December 31, 2007	
	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Due within one year	\$ 3,023	\$ 3,023
Due after one year through five years	2,790	2,794
Due after five years through ten years	21,254	21,612
Due after ten years	48,216	48,473
Total	\$ 75,283	\$ 75,902

For purposes of the maturity table, mortgage-backed securities, which are not due at a single maturity date, have been allocated over maturity groupings based on the weighted-average contractual maturities of underlying collateral. The mortgage-backed securities may mature earlier than their weighted-average contractual maturities because of principal prepayments.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, proceeds from sales of investment securities available for sale amounted to \$6,459,570. Gross realized gains in 2007 from these sales amounted to \$19,445. For the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, proceeds from sales of investment securities available for sale amounted to \$3,908,955 and \$2,801,183 respectively. Gross realized gains in 2006 and 2005 from these sales amounted to \$60,072 and \$10,200, respectively.

Available for sale securities, consisting of U. S. government agencies, mortgage-backed securities and state and municipal bonds, with carrying values of \$13,095,000 and \$6,253,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, were pledged to secure public monies on deposit as required by law. Available for sale securities, consisting of US government agencies and mortgage-backed securities, with carrying values of \$18,535,000 and \$17,272,000 were pledged to secure securities sold under agreements to repurchase at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The following tables show investment gross unrealized losses and fair values, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2007 and 2006. The unrealized losses relate to debt securities that have incurred fair value reductions due to higher market interest rates since the securities were purchased. The 2007 unrealized losses on investment securities relate to two U.S. Government agency securities, twenty-six mortgage-backed securities, and nine municipal securities. The 2006 unrealized losses on investment securities relate to nine U.S. Government agency securities, thirty-four mortgage-backed securities, and nine municipal securities. The unrealized losses are not likely to reverse unless and until market interest rates decline to the levels that existed when the securities were purchased. Since none of the unrealized losses relate to the marketability of the securities or the issuer's ability to honor redemption obligations, none of the securities are deemed to be other than temporarily impaired. The Company has the positive intent and ability to hold until recovery all investment securities with unrealized losses at December 31, 2007.

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	2007		2007		2007	
	Less Than 12 Months Fair value	Unrealized losses	12 Months or More Fair value (Dollars in thousands)	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Total Unrealized losses
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. government agencies	\$	\$	\$ 2,731	\$ 10	\$ 2,731	\$ 10
Mortgage-backed securities	2,891	12	21,674	184	24,565	196
State and municipal bonds	1,529	19	1,301	25	2,830	44
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 4,420	\$ 31	\$ 25,706	\$ 219	\$ 30,126	\$ 250

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	Less Than 12 Months		2006 12 Months or More		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. government agencies	\$ 5,920	\$ 27	\$ 9,016	\$ 90	\$ 14,936	\$ 117
Mortgage-backed securities	3,322	3	30,907	832	34,229	835
State and municipal bonds	394	11	1,853	31	2,247	42
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 9,874	\$ 41	\$ 41,776	\$ 953	\$ 51,650	\$ 994

NOTE 4 - NON-MARKETABLE EQUITY SECURITIES CARRIED AT COST

The aggregate cost of the Company's cost method investments totaled \$2,119,228 at December 31, 2007. The Company periodically evaluates these investments for any impairment which would be deemed other than temporary. As part of its evaluation, the Company determined that the fair value of an investment in a trust company, whose primary shareholders are ten community banks located throughout North Carolina, was less than the original cost of the investment and that the decline in fair value was not temporary in nature. As a result, the Company wrote down its original investment in the trust company of \$277,738 by \$75,747, to an estimated fair value of \$201,991. This write down was recorded as a charge to earnings during the year ended December 31, 2007. This trust company has two common directors with the Company.

Of the remaining \$1,917,237 in equity investments, securities in the Federal Home Loan Bank and Silverton Bank, N.A. amounted to \$1,158,000 and \$84,237, respectively, at December 31, 2007. Because of the redemption provisions of issuers, the Company estimated that the fair value equaled or exceeded the cost of these investments and the investments were not impaired. The Company did not identify any events or changes in circumstances that may have had a significant adverse effect on the fair value of the remaining \$675,000 cost method investments.

NOTE 5 - LOANS AND THE ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

Following is a summary of loans at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	2007		2006	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Real estate mortgage loans:				
1-4 family	\$ 35,680	9.08%	\$ 32,414	8.75%
Commercial mortgage	104,209	26.51%	96,946	26.16%
Construction/development	136,531	34.73%	93,643	25.27%
Home equity lines of credit	34,784	8.85%	24,388	6.58%
Commercial and industrial loans	57,958	14.74%	78,086	21.07%
Loans to individuals	20,010	5.09%	36,782	9.93%
Lease financing, net	3,941	1.00%	8,316	2.24%

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Subtotal	393,113	100.00%	370,575	100.00%
Allowance for loan losses	(5,740)		(5,628)	
Net unamortized deferred costs	(154)		(144)	
Total	\$ 387,219		\$ 364,803	

Loans are primarily made in Union and Mecklenburg Counties, North Carolina and Cherokee and York Counties, South Carolina. Real estate loans can be affected by the condition of the local real estate market. Commercial and installment loans can be affected by the local economic conditions.

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At December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, there were \$-0- and \$291,000 of loans past due 90 days or more which were still accruing interest. Impaired loans which aggregated \$2,477,000 and \$1,915,000 and had related allowances for loan losses aggregating \$941,000 and \$1,135,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, consisted primarily of non-accrual loans and leases. There were no impaired loans without an allowance at December 31, 2007 or 2006, respectively. The average recorded investment in impaired loans during the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$1,565,000 and \$1,425,000, respectively. Non-accrual loans did not materially affect interest income for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

The Company has granted loans to certain directors and executive officers of the Bank and their related interests. Such loans are made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other borrowers and, in management's opinion, do not involve more than the normal risk of collectibility. All loans to directors and executive officers or their interests are submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. A summary of loans to directors, executive officers and their related interests follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)	
Loans to directors and officers as a group at January 1, 2007	\$	2,600
Disbursements during the year ended December 31, 2007		4,358
Amounts collected during the year ended December 31, 2007		(3,433)
Loans to directors and officers as a group at December 31, 2007	\$	3,525

At December 31, 2007, the Company had pre-approved but unused lines of credit totaling \$2,036,000 to directors, executive officers and their related interests.

An analysis of the allowance for loan losses follows:

	2007	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 5,628	\$ 4,331	\$ 3,488
Provision charged to operations	1,033	2,612	809
Charge-offs	1,035	1,350	81
Recoveries	(114)	(35)	(115)
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	921	1,315	(34)
Balance at end of year	\$ 5,740	\$ 5,628	\$ 4,331

NOTE 6 - BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

Following is a summary of bank premises and equipment at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Land	\$ 1,668	\$ 1,668
Buildings and leasehold improvements	7,192	7,129
Furniture and equipment	4,095	3,895
	12,955	12,692
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,261)	(3,587)
Total	\$ 8,694	\$ 9,105

Depreciation and amortization expense amounting to \$791,000, \$868,000 and \$874,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, is included in occupancy and equipment expense.

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Time deposits in denominations of \$100,000 or more were \$143,732,000 and \$121,901,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Brokered deposits totaled \$12,001,000 and \$8,628,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

At December 31, 2007, the scheduled maturities of certificates of deposit were as follows:

	Less than \$ 100,000	\$ 100,000 or more	Total
	(Dollars in thousands)		
2008	\$ 100,139	\$ 128,466	\$ 228,605
2009	6,629	10,132	16,761
2010	1,554	3,433	4,987
2011	476	438	914
2012	747	1,263	2,010
Thereafter			
Total	\$ 109,545	\$ 143,732	\$ 253,277

NOTE 8 - BORROWINGS

Borrowings consist of advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, federal funds purchased, junior subordinated debt and obligations under a capitalized lease for the Bank's main office facility.

The following table provides a summary of our borrowings:

	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Short-term borrowings		
Repurchase agreements	\$ 18,193	\$ 15,473
Federal funds sold	13,316	
	\$ 31,509	\$ 15,473
Long-term debt		
FHLB advances	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Capitalized lease obligation	1,685	1,694
Junior subordinated debentures	10,310	13,918
	\$ 17,995	\$ 21,612

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, Federal Home Loan Bank advances were as follows:

	Call Feature	Amount (Dollars in thousands)	Rate
Due on July 16, 2012	Callable quarterly	\$ 1,000	3.90% Fixed
Due on February 25, 2013	Callable quarterly	5,000	3.45% Fixed
Total FHLB borrowings/ weighted average rate		\$ 6,000	3.53%

Pursuant to a collateral agreement with the FHLB, advances are collateralized by all the Company's FHLB stock of \$1,158,000, qualifying first mortgage loans and qualifying commercial real estate. The balance of qualifying first mortgage loans and qualifying commercial real estate as of December 31, 2007 was approximately \$13,459,000. This agreement with the FHLB provides for a line of credit up to 15% of the Bank's assets.

The Company also had unused lines of credit totaling \$16.2 million from correspondent banks at December 31, 2007 and 2006.

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Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase, which generally mature 1 to 4 days from the transaction date, at December 31, 2007 and 2006 are summarized below:

	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Outstanding balance at December 31	\$ 31,509	\$ 15,473
Year-end weighted average rate	3.61%	3.69%
Average outstanding during the year	21,317	14,667
Average rate for the year	3.71%	3.51%
Maximum outstanding at any month-end during the year	31,509	19,430

Available for sale securities, consisting of US government agencies and mortgage-backed securities, with carrying values of \$18,535,000 and \$17,272,000 were pledged to secure securities sold under agreements to repurchase at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively and are held at an independent correspondent bank.

NOTE 9 - LEASES*Operating Leases*

The Company has entered into non-cancelable operating leases for the land on which its main office is located and for other branch facilities and equipment. These leases have terms from five to thirty years. In 2002, the Company entered into a sale-leaseback arrangement. Under the arrangement, the Company sold its Marshville branch property and leased it back for a period of ten years with two renewal options for five years each. The leaseback has been accounted for as an operating lease. The gain of \$147,156 realized in this transaction has been deferred and is being amortized to income in proportion to rental expense over the term of the lease. Future rentals under these leases are as follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)	
2008	\$	782
2009		770
2010		497
2011		352
2012		279
2013 - thereafter		2,089
Total	\$	4,769

Total rent expense under operating leases was approximately \$790,000, \$783,000 and \$721,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Capital Lease Obligation

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The Company leases its main office facility under a capital lease. Leases that meet the criteria for capitalization are recorded as assets and the related obligations are reflected as capital lease obligations on the accompanying balance sheets. Amortization of property under capital lease is included in depreciation expense. Included in premises and equipment at December 31, 2007 and 2006 is \$1.7 million as the capitalized cost of the Company's main office and accumulated amortization of \$349,000 and \$305,000 at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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At December 31, 2007, aggregate future minimum lease payments due under this capital lease obligation are as follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)
2008	\$ 148
2009	148
2010	158
2011	158
2012	158
2013 - 2029	3,043
Total minimum lease payments	3,813
Less amount representing interest	(2,128)
Present value of net minimum lease payments	\$ 1,685

Both the land lease and capital leases for the Company's main office discussed above are leased from a former director. Prior to the main facility being completed in November 2000, the Company leased land for its temporary banking facility from that same director. In addition, the Marshville facility is leased from another former director. In January 2003, the Company signed an operating lease for a new branch facility in Mint Hill, North Carolina, with a former director. The lease has an initial term of ten years with two renewal options for five years each. Total lease payments of \$476,000, \$495,000, and \$457,000 were paid to these former directors under these leases during 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

NOTE 10 - JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEFERRABLE INTEREST DEBENTURES

On December 31, 2001 and March 1, 2002, \$2.0 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, of trust preferred securities were placed through American Community Capital Trust I (Capital Trust I). The preferred securities paid cumulative cash distributions quarterly at an annual rate of 9%. The dividends paid to holders of the capital trust preferred securities, which were recorded as interest expense, were deductible for income tax purposes. The quarterly distributions could, at the option of the Company, be deferred up to five years. The preferred securities issued in 2001 and 2002 were redeemable on March 1, 2007 or afterwards at the par of \$1,000 per share. These shares were redeemed on March 9, 2007.

On December 15, 2003, \$10.0 million of trust preferred securities were placed through American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd. (Capital Trust II). The preferred securities pay cumulative cash distributions quarterly at a rate priced off 90-day LIBOR plus 280 basis points. The dividends paid to holders of the capital trust preferred securities, which will be recorded as interest expense, are deductible for income tax purposes. The preferred securities issued in 2003 are redeemable on December 15, 2008 or afterwards at par. Redemption is mandatory at December 15, 2033. The proceeds of the preferred securities were invested by Capital Trust II in \$10.0 million principal amount of junior subordinated debentures of the Company due December 15, 2033.

The Company fully and unconditionally guarantees the preferred securities through the combined operation of the debentures and other related documents. The Company's obligation under the guarantee is unsecured and subordinate to senior and subordinated indebtedness of the Company. A portion of the preferred securities qualify as Tier 1 capital for regulatory capital purposes.

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A description of the Junior Subordinated Debentures outstanding is as follows:

Issuing Entity	Date of Issuance	Shares Issued	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Amount	
					2007	2006
American Community Capital Trust I	12/31/2001	2,000	9.00%	03/01/2032	\$	\$ 2,062
American Community Capital Trust I	03/01/2002	1,500	9.00%	03/01/2032		1,546
American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd.	12/15/2003	10,000	6.82%	12/15/2033	10,310	10,310
Total					\$ 10,310	\$ 13,918

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The Company entered into non-cancelable contracts with third parties for data processing services. The future minimum payments required under these contracts for the years ending December 31, 2010 are as follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)	
2008	\$	560
2009		597
2010		635
Total	\$	1,792

The above future payments are based upon the anticipated future growth of the Company and can therefore vary from the above estimates in any year.

NOTE 12 - INCOME TAXES

The significant components of the provision for income taxes for the periods ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

	2007	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Current tax provision:			
Federal	\$ 2,712	\$ 2,899	\$ 1,657
State	499	479	423
	3,211	3,378	2,080
Deferred tax provision (benefit):			
Federal	(314)	(848)	557
State	(28)	(90)	2
	(342)	(938)	559
Provision for income taxes	\$ 2,869	\$ 2,440	\$ 2,639

The difference between the provision for income taxes and the amounts determined by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 34% to income before income taxes is summarized below:

2007	2006	2005
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	(Dollars in thousands)		
Income tax expense computed at statutory rate of 34%	\$ 2,682	\$ 2,283	\$ 2,430
Effect of state income taxes	311	257	280
Tax exempt interest	(142)	(102)	(75)
Other	18	2	4
Net provision for income taxes	\$ 2,869	\$ 2,440	\$ 2,639

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Significant components of deferred taxes at December 31, 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 1,921	\$ 1,920
Capital lease	129	115
Deferred gain on sale-leaseback	22	27
Income from deferred data processing payment	43	57
Nondeductible accrued expenses	18	6
Stock compensation expense	143	123
Interest rate hedges		54
Net unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities		339
Other	44	43
Total deferred tax assets	2,320	2,684
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Premises and equipment	(144)	(95)
Leased property	(368)	(631)
Core deposit intangible	(177)	(218)
Prepaid expenses	(57)	(111)
Interest rate hedges	(36)	
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	(236)	
Other	(2)	(6)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(1,020)	(1,061)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,623

NOTE 13 - OTHER NON-INTEREST EXPENSE

The major components of other non-interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

	2007	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Postage, printing and office supplies	\$ 280	\$ 340	\$ 429
Advertising and promotion	195	189	274
Travel, meals, dues and subscriptions	265	225	200

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Telephone	235	150	171
Data processing and technology	953	835	537
Professional fees and contracted services	1,280	1,027	965
Other	1,323	1,337	1,277
Total	\$ 4,531	\$ 4,103	\$ 3,853

NOTE 14 - REGULATORY MATTERS

The Company (on a consolidated basis) and the Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's and Bank's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

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The primary sources of funds for the payment of dividends by American Community Bancshares, Inc. are interest and dividends received from its subsidiary, American Community Bank, combined with the proceeds from stock sold by the Company. American Community, as a North Carolina banking corporation, may pay dividends only out of undivided profits as determined pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 53-87. However, regulatory authorities may limit payment of dividends by any bank when it is determined that such limitation is in the public interest and is necessary to ensure a bank's financial soundness.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and its bank subsidiary to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the following table) of total and Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined) and of Tier 1 capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined). Management believes, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, that the Company and the Bank met all capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

As of December 31, 2007, the most recent notification from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation categorized American Community Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, an institution must maintain minimum total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based and Tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth in the following tables. There are no conditions or events since the notification that management believes have changed the Bank's category. Prompt corrective action provisions are not applicable to bank holding companies.

The Company's and the Bank's actual capital amounts and ratios as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 are presented in the following table.

	Actual		Minimum For Capital Requirement		Minimum To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
(Dollars in thousands)						
December 31, 2007:						
Total Capital to Risk						
Weighted Assets:						
Consolidated	\$ 58,798	14.24%	\$ 33,040	8.00%	\$ N/A	N/A
American Community Bank	47,012	11.42%	32,940	8.00%	41,175	10.00%
Tier 1 Capital to Risk						
Weighted Assets:						
Consolidated	53,625	12.98%	16,520	4.00%	N/A	N/A
American Community Bank	41,862	10.17%	16,470	4.00%	20,587	5.00%
Tier 1 Capital to Average Assets:						
Consolidated	53,625	11.02%	19,461	4.00%	N/A	N/A
American Community Bank	41,862	8.58%	19,515	4.00%	24,394	5.00%

Actual	Minimum For Capital	Minimum To Be Well Capitalized Under
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	Amount	Ratio	Requirement		Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
			Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
(Dollars in thousands)						
December 31, 2006:						
Total Capital to Risk						
Weighted Assets:						
Consolidated	\$ 64,194	16.18%	\$ 31,748	8.00%	\$	N/A
American Community Bank	46,279	11.74%	31,524	8.00%	39,405	10.00%
Tier 1 Capital to Risk						
Weighted Assets:						
Consolidated	59,231	14.93%	15,874	4.00%		N/A
American Community Bank	41,345	10.49%	15,762	4.00%	19,702	5.00%
Tier 1 Capital to Average Assets:						
Consolidated	59,231	12.88%	18,401	4.00%		N/A
American Community Bank	41,345	9.04%	18,289	4.00%	22,861	5.00%

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The Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet credit risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the balance sheet. The contract or notional amounts of those instruments reflect the extent of involvement the Company has in particular classes of financial instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of conditions established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since some of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Company evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Company, upon extension of credit is based on management's credit evaluation of the borrower. Collateral obtained varies but may include real estate, stocks, bonds, and certificates of deposit.

A summary of the contract amounts of the Company's exposure to off-balance sheet credit risk as of December 31, 2007 is as follows:

Financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk:

	(Dollars in thousands)
Capital South II Partnership investment commitment	\$ 125
Capital South II Partnership investment commitment	700
Standby letters of credit	2,908
Commitments to extend credit	7,488
Undisbursed lines of credit	63,205
Undisbursed portion of construction loans	34,147

In the normal course of business, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings. The amount of any liability that may result from those proceedings in which the Company is currently involved is expected to be immaterial to the consolidated financial position.

NOTE 16 - DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments for which fair value disclosures are required include cash and due from banks, interest-earning deposits with banks, investment securities, loans, Federal Home Loan Bank and Bankers Bank stock, accrued interest, deposits, borrowings, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and junior subordinated debentures. Fair value estimates are made at a specific moment in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale at one time the Company's entire holdings of a particular financial instrument. Because no active market readily exists for a portion of the Company's financial instruments, fair value estimates are based on judgments regarding future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of various financial instruments, and other factors. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and, therefore, cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

Cash and Due from Banks and Interest-earning Deposits with Banks

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The carrying amounts for cash and due from banks and interest-earning deposits with banks approximate fair value because of the short maturities of those instruments.

Investment Securities

Fair values for investment securities are based on quoted market prices, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments.

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NOTE 16 - DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Loans

The fair value of other types of loans is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current rates at which similar loans would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings and for the same remaining maturities.

Non-marketable Equity Securities

The carrying value of non-marketable equity securities approximates fair value.

Accrued Interest Receivable and Payable

The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

Deposits

The fair value of demand deposits, savings, money market, and NOW accounts is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The fair value of time deposits is estimated by discounting expected cash flows using the rates currently offered for instruments of similar remaining maturities.

Borrowings, Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase, Federal Funds Purchased and Junior Subordinated Debentures

The fair values of borrowings and fixed rate junior subordinated debentures are based on discounting expected cash flows at the interest rate for debt with the same or similar remaining maturities and collateral requirements. Short-term borrowings, including securities sold under agreements to repurchase and federal funds purchased, are carried at approximate fair value because of the short maturities of those instruments.

Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk

With regard to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk discussed in Note 15, it is not practicable to estimate the fair value of future financing commitments. The large majority of commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit are at variable rates and/or have relatively short terms to maturity. Therefore, the fair value for these financial instruments is considered to be immaterial.

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes, are as follows at December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	2007		2006	
	Carrying amount	Estimated fair value	Carrying amount	Estimated fair value
(Dollars in thousands)				
Financial assets:				
Cash and due from banks	\$ 14,346	\$ 14,346	\$ 19,950	\$ 19,950

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Interest-earning deposits with banks	930	930	17,295	17,295
Securities available for sale	75,012	75,012	63,018	63,018
Securities held to maturity	1,770	1,804	2,174	2,192
Loans	387,219	395,458	364,803	371,296
Accrued interest receivable	2,640	2,640	2,938	2,938
Non-marketable equity securities	2,119	2,119	1,879	1,879
Financial liabilities:				
Deposits	399,794	377,164	401,137	398,483
Short-term borrowings	31,509	31,509	15,473	15,473
Long-term debt	17,995	18,186	21,612	21,392
Accrued interest payable	898	898	661	661

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NOTE 17 - EMPLOYEE AND DIRECTOR BENEFIT PLANS

401(k) Retirement Plan

The Company has adopted a 401(k) retirement plan that covers all eligible employees. The Company matches contributions of up to 3.0% of each employee's salary. Expenses totaled \$105,000, \$99,000 and \$87,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Employment Agreement

The Company has entered into employment agreements with certain officers to ensure a stable and competent management base. These agreements provide for terms ranging from three to five years, with automatic extension for an additional year at the end of the initial term and annually thereafter. The agreements provide for benefits as provided in the contract and cannot be terminated by the Board of Directors, except for cause, without prejudicing the officer's right to receive certain vested rights, including compensation. In the event of a change in control of the Company and in certain other events, as defined in the agreements, the Company or any successor to the Company will be bound to the terms of the contracts.

Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan

In July 2007, the Bank established a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, which is a nonqualified plan that provides additional retirement benefits to the Bank's chief executive officer. The accrued liability related to this plan was approximately \$53,000 at December 31, 2007. The Plan was funded in February, 2008.

NOTE 18 - STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, (SFAS No. 123R) which was issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in December 2004. SFAS No. 123R revises SFAS No. 123 Accounting for Stock Based Compensation, and supersedes APB No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, (APB No. 25) and its related interpretations. SFAS No. 123R requires recognition of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments in the financial statements over the period the employee is required to perform the services in exchange for the award (presumptively the vesting period). SFAS No. 123R also requires measurement of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award based on the grant-date fair value of the award. SFAS No. 123R also amends SFAS No. 95 Statement of Cash Flows, to require that excess tax benefits be reported as financing cash inflows, rather than as a reduction of taxes paid, which is included within operating cash flows.

The Company adopted SFAS No. 123R using the modified prospective application as permitted under SFAS No. 123R. Accordingly, prior period amounts have not been restated. Under this application, the Company is required to record compensation expense for all awards granted after the date of adoption and for the unvested portion of previously granted awards that remain outstanding at the date of adoption. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, the Company used the intrinsic value method as prescribed by APB No. 25 and thus recognized no compensation expense for options granted with exercise prices equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant.

The Company has five share-based compensation plans in effect at December 31, 2007. The compensation cost that has been charged against income for those plans was approximately \$52,000 and \$375,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company recorded a deferred tax benefit in the amount of \$20,000 and \$123,000 related to share-based compensation during the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

In 1999, the Company implemented the 1999 Incentive Stock Option Plan which authorized the Board of Directors to grant up to 246,191 of stock options (as adjusted for stock dividends) to employees and officers of the Company and the 1999 Non-statutory Stock Option Plan which authorized the Board of Directors to grant up to 246,191 of non-qualified stock options to directors. Options granted under the 1999 Stock

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Option Plans have a term of up to ten years from the date of grant. Vesting of options is determined at the time of grant and ranges from immediate to five years. Options under these plans must be granted at a price not less than the fair market value at the date of grant.

In 2001, the Company implemented the 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan which authorized the Board of Directors to grant up to 210,300 of stock options (as adjusted for stock dividends) to employees and officers of the company. Options granted under the 2001 Stock Option Plan have a term of up to ten years from the date of grant. These options have a five year vesting period. Options under this plan must be granted at a price not less than the fair market value at the date of grant.

In 2002, the Company implemented the 2002 Non-statutory Stock Option Plan which authorized the Board of Directors to grant up to 37,500 stock options (as adjusted for stock dividends) to directors of the Company. Options granted under the 2002 Non-Statutory

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NOTE 18 STOCK COMPENSATION PLANS (Continued)

Stock Option Plans have a term of up to ten years from the date of grant. Vesting of options is three years. Options under this plan must be granted at a price not less than the fair market value at the date of grant.

In 2004, the Company acquired FNB Bancshares, Inc. (First National). First National had two stock option plans, the 1997 Incentive Stock Option Plan and the 1997 Non-statutory Stock Option Plan. At the acquisition date the plans had 133,162 and 160,577 options outstanding, respectively, which vested immediately.

Stock Options

The fair market value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Company granted 15,000 stock options for the year ended December 31, 2007 with a weighted average fair value of \$3.98 per option and 98,000 stock options for the year ended December 31, 2006 with a weighted average fair value of \$4.52 per option. No options were granted for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Assumptions in estimating option values:

	2007	2006	2005
Risk-free interest rate	4.08%	4.83%	
Dividend yield	1.77%	1.54%	
Volatility	21.04%	30.24%	
Expected life	7 years	7 years	

The risk-free interest rate is based upon a U.S. Treasury instrument with a life that is similar to the expected life of the option grant. Expected volatility is based upon the historical volatility of the Company based upon the previous seven years trading history. The expected term of the options is based upon the average life of previously issued stock options. The expected dividend yield is based upon current yield on date of grant. No post-vesting restrictions exist for these options.

At December 31, 2007, there were 471,466 exercisable options with a weighted average exercise price of \$6.62. At December 31, 2006, there were 487,893 exercisable options with a weighted average exercise price of \$6.52. Of the total options outstanding at December 31, 2007 and 2006, the remaining average contractual lives were 3.44 and 4.28 years, respectively.

A summary of option activity under the stock option plans as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and changes during the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 is presented below:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2005	643,131	\$ 5.57		
Exercised	(178,541)	5.11		

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Authorized				
Forfeited	(1,506)	8.81		
Granted	98,000	12.92		
Outstanding at December 31, 2006	561,084	\$ 7.00	4.28 years	\$ 2,268,658
Exercised	(34,998)	6.03		
Authorized				
Forfeited	(11,000)	10.77		
Granted	15,000	11.73		
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	530,086	\$ 7.12	3.44 years	\$ 1,636,043
Exercisable at December 31, 2007	471,466	\$ 6.62	2.88 years	\$ 1,618,617

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For the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 the intrinsic value of options exercised was approximately \$191,000, \$1,163,000, and \$974,000, respectively.

The fair value of stock options vested over the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 was \$52,000, \$375,000, and \$51,000, respectively.

As of December 31, 2007, there was \$163,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements granted under all of the Company's stock benefit plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.56 years.

The Company funds the option shares from authorized but unissued shares. Company policy does allow option holders to exercise options with seasoned shares.

The actual tax benefit in stockholders equity realized for the tax deductions from option exercise of the share-based payment arrangements totaled \$38,000 and \$170,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The adoption of SFAS 123R and its fair value compensation cost recognition provisions are different from the non-recognition provisions under SFAS 123 and the intrinsic value method for compensation cost allowed by APB 25. The effect (increase/(decrease)) of the adoption of SFAS 123R for the year ended December 31, 2007 is as follows:

	2007	2006
	(In thousands except per share data)	
Income before income tax expense	\$ (52)	\$ (375)
Net income	(52)	(260)
Cash flow from operating activities	(38)	(170)
Cash flow provided by financing activities	38	170
Basic earnings per share	(0.01)	(0.04)
Diluted earnings per share	(0.01)	(0.04)

The following illustrates the effect on net income available to common stockholders if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to the prior years ended December 31, 2005:

	2005
	(In thousands except per share data)
Net income, as reported	\$ 4,508
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in the reported net income, net of related income taxes	

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Less: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method of all awards, net of related income taxes		(51)
Proforma net income	\$	4,457
Earnings per share - basic, as reported	\$	0.71
Earnings per share - basic, pro forma		0.70
Earnings per share - diluted, as reported		0.66
Earnings per share - diluted, pro forma		0.65

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NOTE 19 - DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into derivative contracts to manage interest rate risk by modifying the characteristics of the related balance sheet instruments in order to reduce the adverse effect of changes in interest rates. All derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value in the consolidated financial statements.

On the date a derivative contract is entered into, the Company designates the derivative as a fair value hedge, a cash flow hedge, or a trading instrument. Changes in the fair value of instruments used as fair value hedges are accounted for in the earnings of the period simultaneous with accounting for the fair value change of the item being hedged. Changes in the fair value of the effective portion of cash flow hedges are accounted for in other comprehensive income rather than earnings. Changes in fair value of instruments that are not intended as a hedge are accounted for in the earnings of the period of the change.

If a derivative instrument designated as a fair value hedge is terminated or the hedge designation removed, the difference between a hedged item's then carrying amount and its face amount is recognized into income over the original hedge period. Likewise, if a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge is terminated or the hedge designation removed, related amounts accumulated in other accumulated comprehensive income are reclassified into earnings over the original hedge period during which the hedged item affects income.

As of December 31, 2007, the Company had two derivative instruments with notional amounts of \$30.0 million and \$15.0 million, respectively. Both derivative instruments consist of an interest rate floor contract that is used to protect certain designated variable rate loans from the downward effects of their repricing in the event of a decreasing rate environment for a period of three years ending in February 2009 and June 2009, respectively. If the prime rate falls below 7.25% during the term of the first contract, the Company will receive payments based on the \$30.0 million notional amount times the difference between 7.25% and the daily weighted average prime rate for the quarter. No payments will be received by the Company if the weighted average prime rate is 7.25% or higher. The Company paid a premium of \$228,000 on this contract, which is being amortized over the three-year term of the contract. On the second floor, if the prime rate falls below 7.75% during the term of this contract, the Company will receive payments based on the \$15.0 million notional amount times the difference between 7.75% and the weighted average prime rate for the quarter. No payments will be received by the Company if the weighted average prime rate is 7.75% or higher. The Company paid a premium of \$95,250 on this contract. Total payments received on the 7.75% floor were \$3,229 during 2007. The interest rate floors are carried at a fair market value of \$532,319 and are included in other assets as of December 31, 2007.

As of March 31, 2007 the \$15.0 million, 7.75% interest rate floor contract no longer qualified as a cash flow hedge and the hedge designation was removed. As a result, amounts accumulated in the other accumulated comprehensive income of approximately \$6,000 at the beginning of the year were reclassified into earnings during the first quarter of 2007. Changes in fair value of the 7.75% interest rate floor are now accounted for in earnings for the period of the change. Changes in fair value of the remaining hedged instrument on the 7.25% floor that are deemed effective are still offset in other comprehensive income net of tax while the ineffective portion of the hedge is recorded to other income. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company recorded a \$144,000 gain, net of tax in other comprehensive income for the effective portion of the 7.25% floor. The Company recorded a \$205,000 gain in other income during the year ended December 31, 2007 for the change in fair value of the 7.75% interest rate floor, and a \$9,250 gain in other income for the ineffective portion of the 7.25% hedged instrument. For the year ended December 31, 2006 the Company recorded a \$10,000 gain in other income for the ineffective portions of the 7.25% and 7.75% hedged instruments., and a \$86,000 loss, net of tax in other comprehensive income for the effective portion of the floors.

NOTE 20 - SALE OF COMMON STOCK AND EXERCISE OF WARRANTS

The Company completed the sale of 1,000,500 units, which consisted of one share of common stock and one warrant to buy one share of common stock, at \$9.00 per share on April 29, 2002. Expenses associated with the sale amounted to \$1,016,001 resulting in net proceeds from the offering of \$7,988,499. The warrants entitled the holder to purchase one share of common stock at \$10.50 per share and expired on April 30, 2005. As a result of warrants exercised in 2005 and 2004, 999,012 common shares were issued and total capital received was \$10,489,626.

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Following are condensed financial statements of American Community Bancshares, Inc. as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005:

Condensed Statements of Financial Condition**December 31, 2007 and 2006**

	2007	2006
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Assets:		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 16	\$ 56
Interest earning deposits with banks	8,757	14,143
Investment in securities available for sale	904	403
Investment in American Community Bank	52,571	51,101
Investment in American Community Capital Trust I		108
Investment in American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd.	310	310
Other assets	1,981	2,865
Total Assets	\$ 64,539	\$ 68,986
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:		
Liabilities:		
Due to American Community Capital Trust I	\$	\$ 3,608
Due to American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd.	10,310	10,310
Other liabilities	205	
Total Liabilities	10,515	13,918
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock	6,502	7,008
Additional paid-in capital	32,364	39,921
Retained earnings	14,744	8,787
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	414	(648)
Total stockholders' equity	54,024	55,068
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 64,539	\$ 68,986

Condensed Statements of Operations**Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**

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	2007	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Interest income:			
Dividends from subsidiaries	\$ 4,999	\$	\$
Interest-earning deposits with banks	571	944	811
Total interest income	5,570	944	811
Interest expense:			
Junior subordinated debentures issued to American Community Capital Trust I and II	906	1,149	965
Non-interest income:			
Equity in undistributed earnings of American Community Bank	317	4,424	4,645
Non-interest expense:			
Professional fees	34	14	42
Other	80	22	27
Total non-interest expense	114	36	69
Income before taxes	4,867	4,183	4,422
Income tax benefit	(153)	(93)	(86)
Net income	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,276	\$ 4,508

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	2007	2006	2005
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,276	\$ 4,508
Equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries	(317)	(4,424)	(4,645)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	884	(1,321)	(1,288)
Increase in other liabilities	205		
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	5,792	(1,469)	(1,425)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Redemption of Capital Trust I stock	108		
Investment in securities available for sale	(501)		
Investment in American Community Bank			(500)
Net cash used by investing activities	(393)		(500)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayment of advances from subsidiaries			440
Redemption of junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures	(3,608)		
Repurchase of common stock	(6,080)	(263)	
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	211	912	10,907
Cash dividends paid on common stock	(1,348)	(1,382)	(861)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(10,825)	(733)	10,486
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,426)	(2,202)	8,561
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	14,199	16,401	7,840
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ 8,773	\$ 14,199	\$ 16,401

NOTE 22 - STOCK SPLIT

On January 25, 2006, the Company declared a three-for-two stock split in the form of a 50% stock dividend to shareholders of record on February 7, 2006 and payable on February 21, 2006. All references to net income per share and weighted average shares outstanding have been adjusted for the effect of this stock split.

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The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated selected information from our consolidated quarterly financial information. This information is derived from our unaudited financial statements, which include, in the opinion of management, all normal recurring adjustments which management considers necessary for a fair presentation of the results for such periods.

	Year Ended December 31, 2007			
	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
	(In thousands except per share data)			
Interest income	\$ 8,737	\$ 9,070	\$ 8,921	\$ 8,698
Interest expense	4,068	4,225	4,001	3,899
Net interest income	4,669	4,845	4,920	4,799
Provision for loan losses	471	156	231	183
Net interest income after provision for loan loss	4,198	4,689	4,689	4,616
Gain on sale of securities		2		17
Non-interest income	901	959	722	714
Total non-interest expense	3,361	3,449	3,482	3,326
Income before income taxes	1,738	2,201	1,929	2,021
Provision for income taxes	626	801	707	735
Net income	\$ 1,112	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,222	\$ 1,286
Net income per share				
Basic	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18
Diluted	0.17	0.20	0.17	0.18
Common stock price				
High	\$ 12.84	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.69
Low	9.19	10.15	10.87	10.60

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	Year Ended December 31, 2006			
	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
	(In thousands except per share data)			
Interest income	\$ 8,754	\$ 8,320	\$ 7,932	\$ 7,328
Interest expense	3,898	3,646	3,180	2,797
Net interest income	4,856	4,674	4,752	4,531
Provision for loan losses	143	1,529	668	272
Net interest income after provision for loan loss	4,713	3,145	4,084	4,259
Gain on sale of securities		35		25
Non-interest income	795	827	869	802
Total non-interest expense	3,261	3,105	3,449	3,023
Income before income taxes	2,247	902	1,504	2,063
Provision for income taxes	822	290	572	756
Net income	\$ 1,425	\$ 612	\$ 932	\$ 1,307
Net income per share				
Basic	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.19
Diluted	0.20	0.09	0.13	0.18
Common stock price				
High	\$ 11.71	\$ 12.23	\$ 13.49	\$ 13.73
Low	11.00	11.18	12.04	12.14

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ITEM 9 CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

At the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14.

Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective (1) to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports filed or submitted by it under the Securities Exchange Act was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (2) to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Company's financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Management has made a comprehensive review, evaluation and assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. In making its assessment of internal control over financial reporting, management used the criteria issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control - Integrated Framework. In accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, management makes the following assertions:

Management has implemented a process to monitor and assess both the design and operating effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

The Company's management assessed the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control - Integrated Framework. Based on that assessment, we believe that, as of December 31, 2007, the company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

The Company's registered public accounting firm that audited the Company's consolidated financial statements included in this annual report has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company has evaluated, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the fourth quarter of 2007. In connection with such evaluation, the Company has determined that there have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the fourth quarter that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Randy P Helton
President & Chief Executive Officer

Dan R. Ellis, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

American Community Bancshares, Inc.

Charlotte, North Carolina

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of American Community Bancshares, Inc. and subsidiary (the Company) as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included, performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, American Community Bancshares, Inc. and subsidiary maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements of American Community Bancshares, Inc. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, and our report dated March 13, 2008, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

Charlotte, North Carolina

March 13, 2008

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None

PART III**ITEM 10 DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The information contained in the sections captioned Proposal 2: Election of Directors, Executive Officers, and Required Reports of Beneficial Ownership in the 2008 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company has adopted a code of ethics that applies, among others, to its principal executive officer and principal financial officer. The Company's code of ethics is available at <http://www.americancommunitybank.com>.

ITEM 11 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information contained in the sections captioned Director Compensation and Executive Compensation in the 2008 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12 SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The information contained in the sections captioned Ownership of Voting Securities in the 2008 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Set forth below is certain information regarding the Registrant's various stock option plans.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be		Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	issued upon exercise of	outstanding options, warrants, and rights		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1999 Incentive:			
		180,100	\$ 5.98	4,513
	1999 Non-statutory:			
		174,516	\$ 8.06	5,080
	2001 Incentive:			
	87,401	\$ 9.91	61,185	
2002 Non-statutory:				
	34,000	\$ 6.50	1,500	
1997 FNB Plan:				
	54,069	\$ 3.70	-0-	
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	None	None	None	
Total	530,086	\$ 7.12	None	72,278

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ITEM 13 CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information contained in the sections captioned Director Relationships and Indebtedness of and Transactions with Management in the 2008 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information contained in the sections captioned Report of the Audit Committee and Proposal 3: Ratification of Independent Public Accountants in the 2008 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement are incorporated herewith by reference.

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PART IV

ITEM 15 EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Financial statements required to be filed by Item 8 of this Form:
 - a) Report of independent registered public accounting firm
 - b) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006
 - c) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005
 - d) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005
 - e) Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005
 - f) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005
 - g) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Financial statement schedules required to be filed by Item 8 of this Form:

None

3. Exhibits
 - (a) **Index to Exhibits**

EXHIBIT

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT
3.1	Registrant's Articles of Incorporation*
3.2	Registrant's Bylaws*
4.1	Specimen Stock Certificate*
10.1	Employment Agreement of Randy P. Helton*, a management contract
10.2	1999 Incentive Stock Option Plan, a compensatory plan*
10.3	1999 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan, a compensatory plan*
10.4	401(k) Plan, a compensatory plan*
10.5(i)	Issuance of Trust Preferred Securities by American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd.: Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust, dated December 15, 2003***
10.5(ii)	Issuance of Trust Preferred Securities by American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd.: Indenture, dated December 15, 2003***

- 10.5(iii) Issuance of Trust Preferred Securities by American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd.: Guarantee Agreement, dated December 31, 2003***

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10.5(iv)	Issuance of Trust Preferred Securities by American Community Capital Trust II, Ltd.: Form of Floating Rate Junior Subordinated Debenture of American Community Bancshares, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A of Exhibit 10.5(ix)) ***
10.6	2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan, a compensatory plan****
10.7	2002 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan, a compensatory plan*****
10.8	Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan*****
21	Subsidiaries of Registrant (Filed herewith)
23	Consent of Dixon Hughes, PLLC
31(i)	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act (Filed herewith)
31(ii)	Certification of Principal Accounting Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act (Filed herewith)
32(i)	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act (Filed herewith)
32(ii)	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act (Filed herewith)
99	Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement*****

* Incorporated by reference from exhibits to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-31148)
 ** Incorporated by reference from exhibits to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-84484)
 *** Incorporated by reference from Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 18, 2003 (File No. 000-30517)
 **** Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000.
 ***** Incorporated by reference from Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-101208)
 ***** Filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 14a-6.
 ***** Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.1 to Registrant's Statement on Form S-3D (File No. 333-129991)

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

March 13, 2008

/s/ Randy P. Helton
Randy P. Helton
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Randy P. Helton
Randy P. Helton, President,
Chief Executive Officer and Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Dan R. Ellis, Jr.
Dan R. Ellis, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

March 13, 2008

/s/ Robert D. Dinsmore
Robert D. Dinsmore, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Frank L. Gentry
Frank L. Gentry, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Thomas J. Hall
Thomas J. Hall, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Larry S. Helms
Larry S. Helms, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ V. Stephen Moss
V. Stephen Moss, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Peter A. Pappas
Peter A. Pappas, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ L. Steven Phillips
L. Steven Phillips, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Alison J. Smith
Alison J. Smith, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ David D. Whitley
David D. Whitley, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Gregory N. Wylie
Gregory N. Wylie, Director

March 13, 2008

/s/ Philip R. Gilboay
Philip R. Gilboay, Director

March 13, 2008