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MIDSOUTH BANCORP INC Form 8-K January 31, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

January 31, 2012

MidSouth Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana 1-11826 72-1020809
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)
102 Versailles Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 337-237-8343

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

" Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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.. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR

240.14d-2(b))

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

240.13e-4(c)

Item 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 31, 2012, MidSouth Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release regarding the Company's earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. The Company's earnings release, including financial highlights, is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The preceding information (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 31, 2012, The Board of MidSouth Bancorp, Inc. announced a cash dividend was declared in the amount of seven cents (\$.07) per share to be paid on its common stock on April 2, 2012 to shareholders of record on March 15, 2012. The Company's press release announcing the cash dividend is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

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Supplemental information on fourth quarter 2011 results can be found on the Investor Relations tab of the Company's website at www.midsouthbank.com. A copy of the slides included under the Investor Relations tab are filed herewith as Exhibit 99.3.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release for 4th Quarter Earnings dated January 31, 2012.
- 99.2 Press Release for Quarterly Dividend dated January 31, 2012.
- 99.3 Supplemental Materials for 4th Quarter 2011 Slide Deck

Signature

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

MIDSOUTH BANCORP, INC.
Registrant

By: /s/ James R. McLemore James R. McLemore Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 31, 2012