

ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. Announces Results For Third Quarter Of 2016

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 17, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: SFBS), today announced earnings and operating results for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

THIRD QUARTER 2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Diluted EPS of \$0.78 for third quarter of 2016, a 28% increase year over year
- Net income of \$59.7 million and diluted EPS of \$2.23 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016
- Core diluted EPS* for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 increased 30% year over year as 2015 results were impacted by acquisition expenses
- Loans and deposits increased 15% and 26%, respectively, year over year
- Loans and deposits increased 10% and 36%, respectively, for the third quarter on an annualized basis

Tom Broughton, President and CEO, said, "We are pleased to report a solid quarter of growth in net income, loans and deposits with excellent credit quality." Bud Foshee, CFO, stated, "Net income in our Nashville, Tennessee region has continued to grow and net operating losses in our newer regions in Atlanta, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina and Tampa Bay, Florida decreased in the third quarter."

% Change

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (UNAUDITED)

(in Thousands except share and per share amounts)

		Period Endin September 30 2016	_		Period Endin June 30, 201	_	% Change From Period Ending June 30, 2016 to Period Ending September 30, 2016		Period I Septeml 20
QUARTERLY OPERATING RESULTS									
Net Income Net Income Available to Common Stockholders Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ \$ \$	20,909 20,909 0.78		\$ \$ \$	18,876 18,853 0.71		11 % 11 % 10 %	\$ \$ \$	16 16
Return on Average Assets		1.39	%		1.37	%			
Return on Average Common Stockholders' Equity		16.66	%		15.79	%			1
Average Diluted Shares Outstanding		26,939,664			26,726,284				26,506
YEAR-TO-DATE OPERATING RESULTS									
Net Income	\$	59,741		\$	38,832			\$	43
Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$	59,718		\$	38,809			\$	43
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	2.23		\$	1.46			\$	
Return on Average Assets		1.43	%		1.45	%			
Return on Average Common Stockholders' Equity		16.60	%		16.57	%			1
Average Diluted Shares Outstanding		26,744,959			26,646,547				26,391
Core Net Income*	\$	59,741						\$	45
Core Net Income Available to Common Stockholders*	\$	59,718						\$	45
Core Diluted Earnings Per Share*	\$	2.23						\$	
Core Return on Average Assets*		1.43	%						
Core Return on Average Common Stockholders' Equity*		16.60	%						1
BALANCE SHEET									
Total Assets	\$	6,002,621		\$	5,646,055		6 %	\$	4,772

^{*}Core measures exclude non-routine expenses during the comparative periods presented in this press release as more fully described in "GAAP Reconciliation and Management Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

Loans	4,657,284	4,539,338	3 %	4,044
Non-interest-bearing Demand Deposits	1,269,726	1,185,668	7 %	1,029
Total Deposits	5,081,128	4,664,795	9 %	4,044
Stockholders' Equity	507,866	489,097	4 %	431

^{*} Core measures exclude non-routine expenses during the comparative periods presented in this press release as more fully described a Management Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

DETAILED FINANCIALS

ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. reported net income and net income available to common stockholders of \$20.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2016, compared to net income of \$16.3 million and net income available to common stockholders of \$16.2 million for the same quarter in 2015. Basic and diluted earnings per common share were \$0.80 and \$0.78, respectively, for the third quarter of 2016, compared to \$0.63 and \$0.61, respectively, for the third quarter of 2015.

Return on average assets was 1.39% and return on average equity was 16.66% for the third quarter of 2016, compared to 1.38% and 15.52%, respectively, for the third quarter of 2015.

Net interest income was \$47.9 million for the third quarter of 2016, compared to \$45.9 million for the second quarter of 2016 and \$41.9 million for the third quarter of 2015. The increase in net interest income on a linked quarter basis is attributable to a \$164.0 million increase in average loans outstanding, a \$107.6 million increase in non-interest-bearing deposits and a \$20.0 million increase in average stockholders' equity and other liabilities, all resulting in a positive mix change in our balance sheet. The average yield on loans increased one basis point to 4.48% on a linked quarter basis. The net interest margin in the third quarter of 2016 was 3.35%, a 16 basis point decrease from the second quarter of 2016 and 42 basis point decrease from the third quarter of 2015. The decrease in the net interest margin is primarily the result of excess liquidity in the form of large amounts in federal funds sold and funds on deposit at the Federal Reserve Bank. Average balances in these accounts increased \$269.8 million on a linked quarter basis and \$614.4 million when compared to the third quarter of 2015.

Average loans for the third quarter of 2016 were \$4.59 billion, an increase of \$164.0 million, or 4%, over average loans of \$4.42 billion for the second quarter of 2016, and an increase of \$660.8 million, or 17%, over average loans of \$3.93 billion for the third quarter of 2015.

Average total deposits for the third quarter of 2016 were \$4.98 billion, an increase of \$501.9 million, or 11%, over average total deposits of \$4.48 billion for the second quarter of 2016, and an increase of \$1.06 billion, or 27%, over average total deposits of \$3.92 billion for the third quarter of 2015.

Non-performing assets to total assets were 0.16% for the third quarter of 2016, a decrease of one basis point compared to 0.17% for the second quarter of 2016 and a decrease of 18 basis points compared to 0.34% for the third quarter of 2015. Net credit charge-offs to average loans were 0.13%, a 5 basis point decrease compared to 0.18% for the second quarter of 2016 and an eight basis point increase compared to 0.05% for the third quarter of 2015. We recorded a \$3.5 million provision for loan losses in the third quarter of 2016 compared to \$3.8 million in the second quarter of 2016 and \$3.1 million in the third quarter of 2015. The allowance for loan loss as a percentage of total loans increased one basis point to 1.05% at September 30, 2016, compared to 1.04% at June 30, 2016 and was flat compared to 1.05% at September 30, 2015. In management's opinion, the allowance is adequate and was determined by consistent application of ServisFirst Bank's methodology for calculating its allowance for loan losses.

Non-interest income increased \$1.1 million during the third quarter of 2016, or 28%, compared to the third quarter of 2015. Mortgage banking revenue increased by \$239,000 in the third quarter of 2016, or 27%, compared to the third quarter of 2015, resulting from improved operations, translating to increased net gains on sales. Credit card income increased \$593,000 in the third quarter of 2016, or 99%, compared to the third quarter of 2015, resulting from a 58% increase in the volume of spending and a 62% increase in the number of credit card accounts. We introduced a purchase card product in the fourth quarter of 2015. This new product also contributed to our increase in credit card income.

Non-interest expense for the third quarter of 2016 increased \$1.9 million, or 10%, to \$20.2 million from \$18.2 million in the third quarter of 2015, and increased \$658,000, or 3%, on a linked quarter basis. Salary and benefit expense for the third quarter of 2016 increased \$363,000, or 3%, to \$11.0 million from \$10.6 million in the third quarter of 2015, and increased \$225,000, or 2%, on a linked quarter basis. Equipment and Occupancy expense increased \$525,000, or 33%, to \$2.1 million in the third quarter of 2016, from \$1.6 million in the third quarter of 2015. This increase in equipment and occupancy expense was attributable to new offices in our Charleston, South Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee regions, each of which were relocations from temporary facilities we previously occupied. We also accelerated depreciation of leasehold improvements in our Birmingham, Alabama headquarters building to coincide with our anticipated move date to our new headquarters building, which we anticipate will be in the second half of 2017. Professional services expense increased \$514,000, or 77%, to \$1.2 million in the third quarter of 2016, from \$668,000 in the third quarter of 2015, primarily the result of accruals for current pending litigation. Other operating expense for the third quarter of 2016 increased \$640,000, or 15%, to \$5.0 million from \$4.3 million in the third quarter of 2015. This was primarily the result of higher data processing expenses related to increased online banking transaction volumes and an upgrade of our correspondent banking platform, increased Federal Reserve Bank charges from our correspondent bank clearing activities and increased credit card processing expenses. We also contributed \$113,000 to a Birmingham-based charitable organization as part of an investment in a new markets tax credit partnership.

These increases were offset by lower costs incurred related to nonperforming loans.

Income tax expense increased \$160,000, or 2%, to \$8.2 million in the third quarter of 2016, compared to \$8.0 million in the third quarter of 2015, and increased \$1.2 million, or 6%, to \$22.0 million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2016, compared to \$20.9 million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2015. In the second quarter of 2016 we adopted the amendments in Accounting Standards Update 2016-09 using the modified retrospective method. We have recognized excess tax benefits from the exercise and vesting of stock options and restricted stock of \$421,000 in the third quarter of 2015 and \$4.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Previously under generally accepted accounting principles, such credits were reflected within additional paid-in capital.

GAAP Reconciliation and Management Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We recorded expenses of \$2.1 million for the first quarter of 2015 related to the acquisition of Metro Bancshares, Inc. and the merger of Metro Bank with and into the Bank, and recorded an expense of \$500,000 resulting from the initial funding of reserves for unfunded loan commitments for the first quarter of 2015, consistent with guidance provided in the Federal Reserve Bank's Inter-agency Policy Statement SR 06-17. Core financial measures included in this press release are "core net income," "core net income available to common stockholders," "core diluted earnings per share," "core return on average assets" and "core return on average common stockholders' equity." Each of these five core financial measures excludes the impact of the non-routine expenses attributable to merger expenses, the initial funding of reserves for unfunded loan commitments, and are all considered non-GAAP financial measures. Other non-GAAP financial measures included in this press release are "tangible common stockholders' equity," "total tangible assets," "tangible book value per share," and "tangible common equity to total tangible assets." All non-GAAP financial measures are more fully explained below.

"Core net income" is defined as net income, adjusted by the net effect of the non-routine expense.

"Core net income available to common stockholders" is defined as net income available to common stockholders, adjusted by the net effect of the non-routine expense.

"Core diluted earnings per share" is defined as net income available to common stockholders, adjusted by the net effect of the non-routine expense, divided by weighted average diluted shares outstanding.

"Core return on average assets" is defined as net income, adjusted by the net effect of the non-routine expense, divided by average total assets.

"Core return of average common stockholders' equity" is defined as net income, adjusted by the net effect of the non-routine expense, divided by average common stockholders' equity.

"Tangible common stockholders' equity" is defined as common stockholders' equity, adjusted by the total of goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets.

"Total tangible assets" is defined as total assets, adjusted by the total of goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets.

"Tangible book value per share" is defined as tangible common stockholders' equity divided by the number of common shares outstanding.

"Tangible common equity to total tangible assets" is defined as tangible common equity divided by total tangible assets.

We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to management and investors that is supplementary to our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows computed in accordance with GAAP; however, we acknowledge that these non-GAAP financial measures have a number of limitations. As such, you should not view these disclosures as a substitute for results determined in accordance with GAAP, and they are not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP financial measures that other companies, including those in our industry, use. The following reconciliation table provides a more detailed analysis of the non-GAAP financial measures as of and for the nine month comparative periods ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 included in this press release. Dollars are in thousands, except share and per share data.

	As Of September 30, 2016	Nin	Of and For the e Months Ended otember 30, 2015	
Return on average assets - GAAP			1.32 %	5
Net income - GAAP		\$	43,790	
Adjustments:				
Merger expenses - Metro Bancshares, Inc.			2,096	
Initial reserve for unfunded loan commitments			500	
Tax (benefit) of adjustments			(829)	
Core net income - non-GAAP*		\$	45,557	_
Average assets - GAAP		\$	4,430,226	
Core return on average assets - non-GAAP*			1.37 %	

Return on average common stockholders' equity - GAAP Net income available to common stockholders - GAAP Adjustments:		\$	14.40 43,534	%
Merger expenses - Metro Bancshares, Inc. Initial reserve for unfunded loan commitments Tax (benefit) of adjustments			2,096 500 (829)	
Core net income available to common stockholders - non-GAAP*		\$	45,301	
Average common stockholders' equity - GAAP		\$	404,177	
Core return on average common stockholders' equity - non-GAAP*		,	14.99	%
Diluted earnings per share - GAAP		\$	1.65	
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted - GAAP			26,391,100	
Core diluted earnings per share - non-GAAP*		\$	1.72	
Book value per share - GAAP	\$ 19.31	\$	16.65	
Total common stockholders' equity - GAAP Adjustments:	507,866		431,194	
Goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets	15,073		17,756	
Tangible common stockholders' equity - non-GAAP	\$ 492,793	\$	413,438	
Tangible book value per share - non-GAAP	\$ 18.73	\$	15.96	
Stockholders' equity to total assets - GAAP	8.46 %		9.03	%
Total assets - GAAP Adjustments:	\$ 6,002,621	\$	4,772,601	
Goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets	15,073		17,756	
Total tangible assets - non-GAAP	\$ 5,987,548	\$	4,754,845	
Tangible common equity to total tangible assets - non-GAAP	8.23 %		8.70	%

^{*} Core measures exclude non-routine expenses during the comparative periods presented in this press release as more fully described in "GAAP Reconciliation and Management Explanation on Non-GAAP Financial Measures" above.

About ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc.

ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. is a bank holding company based in Birmingham, Alabama. Through its subsidiary ServisFirst Bank, ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. provides business and personal financial services from locations in Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery, Mobile and Dothan, Alabama, Pensacola and Tampa Bay, Florida, Atlanta, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee.

ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. files periodic reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Copies of its filings may be obtained through the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or at https://servisfirstbancshares.investorroom.com/.

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts, including, but not limited to, statements concerning future operations, results or performance, are hereby identified as "forward-looking statements" for the purpose of the safe harbor provided by Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "will," "would," "might" and similar expressions often signify forward-looking statements. Such statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. cautions that such forward-looking statements, wherever they occur in this press release or in other statements attributable to ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc., are necessarily estimates reflecting the judgment of ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc.'s senior management and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements should, therefore, be considered in light of various factors that could affect the accuracy of such forward-looking statements, including: general economic conditions, especially in the credit markets and in the Southeast; the performance of the capital markets; changes in interest rates, yield curves and interest rate spread relationships; changes in accounting and tax principles, policies or guidelines; changes in legislation or regulatory requirements; changes in our loan portfolio and the deposit base; possible changes in laws and regulations and governmental monetary and fiscal policies, including, but not limited to, economic stimulus initiatives; the cost and other effects of legal and administrative cases and similar contingencies; possible changes in the creditworthiness of customers and the possible impairment of the collectability of loans and the value of collateral; the effect of natural disasters, such as hurricanes and tornados, in our geographic markets; and increased competition from both banks and non-bank financial institutions. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. For discussion of these and other risks that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please refer to "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other SEC filings. If one or more of the factors affecting our forward-looking information and statements proves incorrect, then our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, forward-looking information and statements contained herein. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. assumes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements that are made from time to time.

More information about ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc. may be obtained over the Internet at http://servisfirstbancshares.investorroom.com/ or by calling (205) 949-0302.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands except share and per share data)

Interest income \$ 54,691 \$ 52,050 \$ 49,961 \$ 5,782		3	rd Quarter 20	16	2	2nd Quarter 2016			st Quarter 20	4th Qu		
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	Tangible common equity to total tangible assets (1)		8.23	%		8.42			8.50			

⁽¹⁾ See "GAAP Reconciliation and Management Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" for a discussion of these Non-GAAP fin

⁽²⁾ Regulatory capital ratios for most recent period are preliminary.

⁽³⁾ Basel III final capital rules, including the new Common Equity Tier 1 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets ratio, became effective for the C

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) (Dollars in thousands)

	Septer	mber 30, 2016	Septer	mber 30, 20
ASSETS	•	57 004	•	50.44
Cash and due from banks	\$	57,221	\$	50,48
Interest-bearing balances due from depository institutions		553,392		165,98
Federal funds sold		181,644		26,22
Cash and cash equivalents		792,257		242,69
Available for sale debt securities, at fair value		351,417		306,6€
Held to maturity debt securities (fair value of \$26,912 and \$28,511 at		05.050		07.04
September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively)		25,853		27,96
Restricted equity securities		5,668		4,9
Mortgage loans held for sale		6,026		5,3
Loans		4,657,284		4,044,24
Less allowance for loan losses		(48,933)		(42,57
Loans, net		4,608,351		4,001,66
Premises and equipment, net		25,033		18,98
Goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets		15,073		17,7
Other assets		172,943		146,52
Total assets	\$	6,002,621	\$	4,772,60
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Deposits:				
Non-interest-bearing	\$	1,269,726	\$	1,029,3
Interest-bearing		3,811,402		3,015,28
Total deposits		5,081,128		4,044,60
Federal funds purchased		344,390		228,41
Other borrowings		55,356		55,72
Other liabilities		13,881		12,63
Total liabilities		5,494,755	-	4,341,40
Stockholders' equity:		, , , , , ,		,- , .
Preferred stock, Series A Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual, par value \$0.001				
(liquidation preference \$1,000), net of discount; no shares authorized or				
outstanding at September 30, 2016, and 40,000 authorized, no shares issued				
and outstanding at September 30, 2015		_		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 1,000,000 shares authorized and				
undesignated at September 30, 2016, and 1,000,000 shares authorized and				
960,000 shares undesignated at September 30, 2015		-		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 100,000,000 shares authorized and				
26,305,448 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016 and 50,000,000				
authorized and 25,903,698 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015		26		1
Additional paid-in capital		215,262		210,30
Retained earnings		287,568		215,98
Accumulated other comprehensive income		4,633		4,4
Noncontrolling interest		377		3
Total stockholders' equity	-	507,866	-	431,19
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	6,002,621	\$	4,772,60
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) (In thousands except per share data)

T1			Nine Menthe Funded Contember 20					
		•	•	NINE	e Months End 2016	ea Sep	tember 30, 2015	
\$	51,598	\$	44,401	\$	148,055	\$	125,152	
	1,107		1,041		3,614		3,273	
	823		890		2,515		2,624	
	347		32		630		81	
	816		168		1,888		394	
	54,691		46,532		156,702		131,524	
	<u> </u>						<u> </u>	
	5,358		3,818		14,352		10,600	
	1,415		852		4,362		1,814	
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Total interest expense	6,773		4,670		18,714	12,414
Net interest income	47,918	-	41,862		137,988	 119,110
Provision for loan losses	3,464		3,072		9,323	9,539
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	44,454		38,790		128,665	 109,571
Non-interest income:			<u> </u>			
Service charges on deposit accounts	1,367		1,279		3,980	3,762
Mortgage banking	1,112		873		2,681	2,062
Securities gains	-		-		(3)	29
Increase in cash surrender value life insurance	770		683		2,049	1,991
Other operating income	1,542		903		3,366	2,258
Total non-interest income	4,791		3,738		12,073	10,102
Non-interest expense:	 -	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Salaries and employee benefits	10,958		10,595		32,758	30,029
Equipment and occupancy expense	2,100		1,575		6,108	4,870
Professional services	1,182		668		2,919	1,901
FDIC and other regulatory assessments	775		681		2,328	1,927
Other real estate owned expense	178		400		668	903
Merger expense	-		-		-	2,100
Other operating expense	4,969		4,329		14,175	13,264
Total non-interest expense	20,162	-	18,248		58,956	 54,994
Income before income tax	29,083		24,280		81,782	64,679
Provision for income tax	8,174		8,014		22,041	20,889
Net income	20,909		16,266		59,741	43,790
Dividends on preferred stock	-		33		23	256
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 20,909	\$	16,233	\$	59,718	\$ 43,534
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.80	\$	0.63	\$	2.27	\$ 1.70
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.78	\$	0.61	\$	2.23	\$ 1.65

LOANS BY TYPE (UNAUDITED) (In thousands)

	3rd Quarter 2016		2nd (Quarter 2016	1st (Quarter 2016	4th (Quarter 2015	3rd Quar		
Commercial, financial and agricultural	\$	1,910,777	\$	1,895,870	\$	1,799,132	\$	1,760,479	\$	1,	
Real estate - construction		292,721		251,144		254,254		243,267		:	
Real estate - mortgage:											
Owner-occupied commercial		1,138,308		1,117,514		1,055,852		1,014,669		!	
1-4 family mortgage		520,394		494,733		458,032		444,134			
Other mortgage		740,127		725,336		723,542		698,779		1	
Subtotal: Real estate - mortgage		2,398,829		2,337,583		2,237,426		2,157,582		2,	
Consumer		54,957		54,741		50,088		55,047			
Total loans	\$	4,657,284	\$	4,539,338	\$	4,340,900	\$	4,216,375	\$	4,	

SUMMARY OF LOAN LOSS EXPERIENCE (UNAUDITED) (Dollars in thousands)

,	3rd Quarter 2016	2nd Quarter 2016	1st Quarter 2016	4th Quarter 2015
Allowance for loan losses:	\$ 46.998	\$ 45.145	\$ 43.419	\$ 42.574
Beginning balance Loans charged off:	ў 40,99 0	Ф 45,145	Ф 43,419	Ф 42,574
Commercial financial and agricultural	1,270	1,412	50	2,186
Real estate - construction	79	355	381	161
Real estate - mortgage	144	191	-	463
Consumer	81	31	18	21
Total charge offs	1,574	1,989	449	2,831

Recoveries:

Commercial financial and agricultural Real estate - construction Real estate - mortgage Consumer Total recoveries Net charge-offs		35 9 1 - 45 1,529			1 39 2 - 42 1,947			3 16 97 - 116 333			241 61 65 1 368 2,463	
Provision for loan losses Ending balance	\$	3,464 48,933		\$	3,800 46,998		\$	2,059 45,145		\$	3,308 43,419	
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Allowance for loan losses to total loans Allowance for loan losses to total average		1.05	%		1.04	%		1.04	%		1.03	%
loans		1.07	%		1.06	%		1.06	%		1.05	%
Net charge-offs to total average loans		0.13	%		0.18	%		0.03	%		0.24	%
Provision for loan losses to total average loans Nonperforming assets:		0.30	%		0.34	%		0.20	%		0.32	%
Nonaccrual loans	\$	6.647		\$	4,730		\$	6,133		\$	7,767	
Loans 90+ days past due and accruing Other real estate owned and	·	43		·	423		·	417		·	1	
repossessed assets		3,035			4,260			4,044			5,392	
Total	\$	9,725		\$	9,413		\$	10,594		\$	13,160	
Nonperforming loans to total loans Nonperforming assets to total assets Nonperforming assets to earning assets Reserve for loan losses to nonaccrual loans		0.14 0.16 0.16 736.17	% % %		0.11 0.17 0.17 993.62	% % %		0.15 0.20 0.20 736.10	% % %		0.18 0.26 0.26 559.02	% % %
Restructured accruing loans	\$	6,738		\$	6,753		\$	6,763		\$	6,782	
Restructured accruing loans to total loans		0.14	%		0.15	%		0.16	%		0.16	%
TROUBLED DEBT RESTRUCTURINGS (TDF (In thousands)	Rs) (UI	NAUDITE	D)									
(3rd	Quarter 2	2016	2nd	Quarter 2	2016	1st	Quarter 2	016	4th	Quarter 2	2015
Beginning balance: Net (paydowns) / advances Transfers to other real estate owned	\$	6,753 (15) -		\$	6,763 (10)		\$	7,736 (19) (954)		\$	8,266 (83) -	
Charge-offs							_				(447)	
	\$	6,738		\$	6,753		\$	6,763		\$	7,736	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) (In thousands except per share data)

(3rd Quarter 2016		2nd	Quarter 2016	1st	Quarter 2016	4th Quarter 2015		3rd Qu 201	
Interest income:										
Interest and fees on loans	\$	51,598	\$	49,210	\$	47,247	\$	46,150	\$	44
Taxable securities		1,107		1,238		1,269		1,058		
Nontaxable securities		823		834		858		875		
Federal funds sold		347		210		73		46		
Other interest and dividends		816		558		514		322		
Total interest income		54,691		52,050		49,961		48,451		46
Interest expense:										
Deposits		5,358		4,611		4,361		4,294		;
Borrowed funds		1,415		1,548		1,421		996		
Total interest expense		6,773		6,159		5,782		5,290		
Net interest income		47,918		45,891		44,179		43,161		4
Provision for loan losses		3,464		3,800		2,059		3,308		
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		44,454		42,091		42,120		39,853		38
Non-interest income:										
Service charges on deposit accounts		1,367		1,306		1,307		1,326		

Mortgage banking	1,112	901	668	620	
Securities gains	-	(3)	_	-	
Increase in cash surrender value life insurance	770	655	624	630	
Other operating income	1,542	988	836	899	
Total non-interest income	4,791	 3,847	3,435	 3,475	
Non-interest expense:	 				 ,
Salaries and employee benefits	10,958	10,733	11,067	8,884	1(
Equipment and occupancy expense	2,100	2,023	1,985	1,519	
Professional services	1,182	999	738	706	
FDIC and other regulatory assessments	775	803	750	733	
Other real estate owned expense	178	41	449	324	
Other operating expense	 4,969	 4,905	 4,301	 6,836	
Total non-interest expense	20,162	19,504	19,290	19,002	18
Income before income tax	29,083	 26,434	26,265	 24,326	 24
Provision for income tax	8,174	7,558	6,309	4,576	1
Net income	20,909	 18,876	19,956	 19,750	 16
Dividends on preferred stock	-	23	-	24	
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 20,909	\$ 18,853	\$ 19,956	\$ 19,726	\$ 16
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.76	\$
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.74	\$

AVERAGE BALANCE SHEETS AND NET INTEREST ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) ON A FULLY TAXABLE-EQUIVALENT BASIS (Dollars in thousands)

	3rd Quarter 2016		2nd Quarter	2016	1st Quarter 2016		
	Average Balance	Yield / Rate	Average Balance	Yield / Rate	Average Balance	Yield Rate	
Assets:							
Interest-earning assets:							
Loans, net of unearned income (1)							
Taxable	\$ 4,564,475	4.48 %	\$ 4,406,107	4.47 %	\$ 4,230,057	4.48	
Tax-exempt (2)	21,939	4.39	16,315	4.51	10,281	5.56	
Total loans, net of							
unearned income	4,586,414	4.48	4,422,422	4.47	4,240,338	4.48	
Mortgage loans held for sale	6,724	3.79	7,323	3.62	6,084	4.63	
Debt securities:							
Taxable	215,250	2.06	208,113	2.38	221,722	2.29	
Tax-exempt (2)	135,272	3.73	135,954	3.73	137,763	3.79	
Total securities (3)	350,522	2.70	344,067	2.91	359,485	2.86	
Federal funds sold	217,158	0.64	144,206	0.59	48,390	0.60	
Restricted equity securities	5,658	4.01	5,659	3.62	4,962	3.81	
Interest-bearing balances with banks	590,675	0.51	393,782	0.52	373,339	0.51	
Total interest-earning assets	5,757,151	3.81 %	5,317,459	3.97 %	5,032,598	4.03	
Non-interest-earning assets:							
Cash and due from banks	58,809		65,318		61,578		
Net premises and equipment	25,000		23,241		21,023		
Allowance for loan losses, accrued							
interest and other assets	145,804		127,640		126,491		
Total assets	\$ 5,986,764		\$ 5,533,658		\$ 5,241,690		
Interest-bearing liabilities:							
Interest-bearing deposits:							
Checking	\$ 696,100	0.37 %	\$ 691,776	0.36 %	\$ 665,039	0.35	
Savings	43,569	0.30	41,546	0.30	41,055	0.29	
Money market	2,471,829	0.55	2,105,420	0.52	1,979,727	0.51	
Time deposits	519,653	0.99	498,151	1.01	507,605	1.00	
Total interest-bearing deposits	3,731,151	0.57	3,336,893	0.56	3,193,426	0.55	
Federal funds purchased	436,415	0.64	505,076	0.64	441,309	0.64	
Other borrowings	55,410	5.15	55,521	5.20	55,630	5.19	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	4,222,976	0.64 %	3,897,490	0.64 %	3,690,365	0.63	
Non-interest-bearing liabilities:							

Non-interest-bearing

demand	1,250,139		1,142,541		1,077,613	
Other liabilities	14,376		13,301		12,194	
Stockholders' equity	494,248		475,917		457,218	
Unrealized gains on securities and						
derivatives	5,025		4,409		4,300	
Total liabilities and						
stockholders' equity	\$ 5,986,764	_	\$ 5,533,658		\$ 5,241,690	
Net interest spread		3.17 %		3.33 %		3.40
Net interest margin		3.35 %		3.51 %		3.57

⁽¹⁾ Average loans include loans on which the accrual of interest has been discontinued.

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