BANCORPSOUTH INC Form 8-K October 20, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): October 20, 2016 (October 19, 2016)

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Mississippi | 1-12991 | 64-0659571 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification |
| , , | | No.) |
| | | |
| | | |
| One Mississippi Plaza | | 38804 |
| 201 South Spi | | |

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| | Tupelo, Mississippi (Address of principal executive | (Zip Code) | | |
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| | offices) | (Zip Code) | | |
| | Registrant s telephone number, including area code_ | (662) 680-2000 | | |
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| [] | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under | the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) | | |

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 19, 2016, BancorpSouth, Inc. (the **Company**) issued a news release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2016. A copy of the news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K (this **Report**) and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company will conduct a conference call at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on October 20, 2016 to discuss its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2016. A copy of the presentation to be used for the conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Report and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 News release issued on October 19, 2016 by BancorpSouth, Inc.

Exhibit 99.2 Presentation for conference call to be conducted by BancorpSouth, Inc. on October 20, 2016

SIGNATURES

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

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

By: /s/ Cathy S. Freeman

Cathy S. Freeman

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief

Administrative Officer

Date: October 20, 2016

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