

BANCORPSOUTH INC  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2011

**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): September 21, 2011 (September 21, 2011)**

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Mississippi**

**1-12991**

**64-0659571**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Mississippi Plaza  
201 South Spring Street  
Tupelo, Mississippi**

**38804**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- 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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 21, 2011, BancorpSouth, Inc. (the Company ) announced the appointment of James Ronald Hodges as the Executive Vice President of the Company and Vice Chairman and Chief Lending Officer of BancorpSouth Bank, effective as of October 1, 2011. A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Hodges is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued on September 21, 2011 by BancorpSouth, Inc.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**

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

Date: September 21, 2011

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit Number | Description  |
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