

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 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 26, 2012**

**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Georgia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**001-13901**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**58-1456434**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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**310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111**

**31768**

**(Zip Code)**

**(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. 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 26, 2012, Ameris Bancorp issued a press release announcing its unaudited financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of that press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The information contained in this report, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. Furthermore, the information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated January 26, 2012.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: January 26, 2012

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit<br>No. | Exhibit                               |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press release dated January 26, 2012. |