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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. REPORTS EARNINGS OF \$15.5 MILLION FOR THIRD QUARTER 2013

- Net income of \$15.5 million, or 21 cents per share
- Operating efficiency ratio improves to 58.6 percent reflecting lower expenses
- Loans up \$78 million, or 7 percent annualized
- Core transaction deposits up \$94 million, or 11 percent annualized
- All capital ratios strengthened

BLAIRSVILLE, GA – October 24, 2013 – United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) today reported it continued to achieve substantial momentum in positioning itself to build the long-term value of its franchise. For the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013 net income was \$15.5 million, or 21 cents per share, and \$257.2 million, or \$4.24 per share, respectively. The year-to-date results include the impact of two significant events during the second quarter – the reversal of the valuation allowance on United's net deferred tax asset and the higher provision for loan losses and foreclosed property costs from the accelerated sales of classified assets.

"I am very pleased with the important progress we are making in growing our business and improving operating efficiency," said Jimmy Tallent, president and chief executive officer. "We achieved good loan and deposit growth while at the same time lowering operating expenses. This is particularly demonstrated by the improvement in our efficiency ratio to 58.6 percent, the lowest level since 2007. This is a tribute to the great effort of our dedicated team of bankers."

The third quarter provision for loan losses was \$3.0 million compared with \$48.5 million in the second quarter and \$15.5 million in the third quarter of 2012. The second quarter provision was elevated by higher charge-offs associated with the accelerated classified loan sales. The resulting reduction in classified loans led to lower net charge-offs in the third quarter and a lower provision. Third quarter net charge-offs were \$4.47 million compared with \$72.4 million in the second quarter and \$20.6 million a year ago.

Nonperforming assets at quarter-end were \$30.6 million, representing .42 percent of total assets, down from \$31.8 million or .44 percent of assets at June 30, 2013, and from \$142 million or 2.12 percent of assets a year ago. The classified asset ratio, which is the ratio of classified assets to Tier 1 regulatory capital plus the allowance for loan losses, declined to 26 percent from 27 percent at the end of second quarter and 55 percent a year ago.

Third quarter taxable equivalent net interest revenue totaled \$54.3 million, down \$224,000 from the second quarter and down \$3.03 million from the third quarter of 2012. "The decrease generally reflects the ongoing lower yields on our loan and investment securities portfolios," said Tallent. "The lower loan portfolio yield reflects competitive pricing pressure on new and renewed commercial loans and on new retail loan offerings with low introductory rates. Introductory rates on \$45 million of these retail loans rolled over to a market rate of prime-plus in the third quarter with another \$40 million due to reset to market rates in the fourth quarter. The lower investment securities yield compared to a year ago is due to reinvestment of cash flows at record low rates. We continue to look for reinvestment opportunities to alleviate market and duration risk. Our focus has been on floating-rate securities, which at quarter-end accounted for 39 percent of the total investment securities portfolio, up one percent from last quarter."

The third quarter taxable equivalent net interest margin was 3.26 percent, down five basis points from the second quarter and 34 basis points from a year ago. "Our margin continues to reflect the unprecedented low interest rate environment," stated Tallent. "We could see further

compression in the near term, though we believe at a slower pace. To offset the impact of a lower margin on net interest revenue, we are concentrating on growing the loan portfolio in the mid-single digit range by focusing on retail loans and continuing to add commercial lenders in key markets."

"Third quarter fee revenue of \$14.1 million was down slightly compared to second quarter and up approximately \$1.0 million from a year ago when certain non-core items are excluded," commented Tallent. Second quarter fee revenue of \$16.3 million was elevated due to non-core items, which included a \$1.37 million recovery on a bank-owned life insurance policy, a \$468,000 gain from the sale of low-income housing tax credits, and \$369,000 in hedge ineffectiveness gains. Similarly, year ago fee revenue of \$13.8 million included hedge ineffectiveness gains of \$608,000.

Service charges and fees on deposit accounts were up \$484,000 from the second quarter and up \$760,000 from a year ago reflecting strong growth in debit card interchange fees. Brokerage fees were up \$211,000 from the second quarter and up \$565,000 from a year ago, which shows a renewed focus on this line of business. Mortgage fees were down \$449,000 from the second quarter and down \$246,000 from a year ago reflecting slower mortgage refinancing activity resulting from rising long-term interest rates. Closed mortgage loans totaled \$76.6 million in the third quarter compared with \$95.2 million in the second quarter and \$107.9 million in the third quarter of 2012.

Operating expenses, excluding foreclosed property costs, were \$39.9 million for the third quarter compared to \$43.7 million in the second quarter of 2013 and \$41.1 million a year ago. The decrease from both periods reflects a reduction in loan workouts and collections costs as well as lower severance costs. Third quarter severance costs were \$405,000 compared with \$1.56 million and \$401,000 for the second quarter of 2013 and the third quarter of 2012, respectively.

Foreclosed property costs were \$194,000 in the third quarter compared to \$5.15 million in the second quarter and \$3.71 million a year ago. The higher second quarter costs reflect \$4.31 million in net losses and write-downs related to the accelerated foreclosed property sales and

\$837,000 for maintenance. The third quarter 2012 foreclosed property costs included \$2.74 million in net losses and write-downs and \$962,000 for maintenance.

"The effective tax rate for the third quarter was elevated from 35 percent to 38 percent by a \$.6 million net charge to tax expense," stated Tallent. "The net charge reflects a state income tax rate reduction in North Carolina that lowered the rate at which a portion of our net deferred tax asset will be recovered. The resulting charge was partially offset by the release of tax reserves for tax returns that had expired."

As of September 30, 2013, capital ratios were as follows: Tier 1 Risk-Based of 14.2 percent; Total Risk-Based of 15.5 percent; Tier 1 Common Risk-Based of 9.1 percent; and Tangible Equity-to-Assets of 9.0 percent. The Tier 1 Leverage ratio was 10.0 percent.

Tallent concluded, "Going forward, we are focused strategically on loan and fee-based service growth in existing and newer markets to provide United with further momentum in building its value to our shareholders. We are looking ahead with confidence driven by our progress, our business opportunities and the best customer satisfaction in our industry."

Conference Call

United will hold a conference call today, Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 11 a.m. ET to discuss the contents of this news release and to share business highlights for the quarter. To access the call, dial (877) 380-5665 and use the conference number 76304427. The conference call also will be webcast and can be accessed by selecting 'Calendar of Events' within the Investor Relations section of United's website at www.ucbi.com.

About United Community Banks, Inc.

Headquartered in Blairsville, United Community Banks, Inc. is the third-largest bank holding company in Georgia. United has assets of \$7.2 billion and operates 103 banking offices throughout north Georgia, the Atlanta region, coastal Georgia, western North Carolina, east Tennessee and western South Carolina. United specializes in providing personalized community banking services to individuals and small to mid-size businesses and also offers the convenience

of 24-hour access through a network of ATMs, telephone and on-line banking. United's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol UCBI. Additional information may be found at United's website at www.ucbi.com.

Safe Harbor

This news release contains forward-looking statements, as defined by federal securities laws, including statements about United's financial outlook and business environment. These statements are based on current expectations and are provided to assist in the understanding of future financial performance. Such performance involves risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any such statements. For a discussion of some of the risks and other factors that may cause such forward-looking statements to differ materially from actual results, please refer to United's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission including its 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of 2013 under the sections entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors." Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements.

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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Selected Financial Information

(in thousands, accept		Third		2013			First			2012	Third	Third Quarter 2013-2012		Mont		ided		YTD 2013-2012
(in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)		Third Juarter		Second Quarter			First Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Quarter	2013-2012 Change		2013	ember	<u> </u>		2013-2012 Change
		Zuarter		Quarter			Zuarter		Quarter		Quarter	Change		2013		2012		Change
INCOME SUMMARY	\$	61 262		\$ 61,693	,	\$	62 124	\$	64 450		65,978		¢	195 100	ď	202.07	`	
Interest revenue Interest expense	Э	61,363 7,025		\$ 61,693 7,131		¢	62,134 7,475	¢	64,450 8,422	3	65,978 8,607		Э	185,190 21,631	\$	202,97 29,90		
Net interest revenue		54,338		54,562			54,659		56,028		57,371	(5) %		163,559		173,07		(5) %
Provision for loan losses		3,000		48,500			11,000		14,000		15,500	(5) n		62,500		48,50		(3) 10
Fee revenue		14,144		16,312			12,826		14,761		13,764	3		43,282		42,01		3
Total revenue		65,482		22,374			56,485	-	56,789		55,635	5		144,341		166,58		5
Operating expenses		40,097		48,823			43,770		50,726		44,783	(10)		132,690		136,04		(2)
Income (loss) before income taxes		25,385		(26,449	_		12,715		6,063		10,852	134		11,651		30,53		(62)
Income tax expense (benefit)		9,885		(256,413	·		950		802		284			(245,578))	1,93	3	. /
Net income		15,500		229,964			11,765		5,261		10,568	47		257,229		28,59		800
Preferred dividends and discount accretion		3,059		3,055	5		3,052		3,045		3,041			9,166		9,10	3	
Net income available to common																	_	
shareholders	\$	12,441		\$ 226,909)	\$	8,713	\$	2,216	5	5 7,527	65	\$	248,063	\$	19,492	2	1,173
PERFORMANCE MEASURES			= =		= :												_	
Per common share:																		
Diluted income	\$.21		\$ 3.90)	\$.15	\$.04	5	.13	62	\$	4.24	\$.34	4	1,147
Book value		10.99		10.90)		6.85		6.67		6.75	63		10.99		6.7	5	63
Tangible book value ⁽²⁾		10.95		10.82	2		6.76		6.57		6.64	65		10.95		6.6	4	65
Key performance ratios:																		
Return on equity ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾		7.38	0%	197.22	, %		8.51	%	2.15	%	7.43	%		64.29	%	6.5	7%	
Return on assets ⁽³⁾		.86	70	13.34			.70	,0	.31	,0	.63	,0		4.93	70	.5		
Net interest margin ⁽³⁾		3.26		3.3			3.38		3.44		3.60			3.32		3.5		
Efficiency ratio		58.55		5.5 68.89			5.38 64.97		5.44 71.69		62.95			5.52 64.19		5.5. 63.3		
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Equity to assets		11.80					8.60		8.63		8.75			9.91		8.4		
Tangible equity to assets ⁽²⁾		11.76		11.53	,		8.53		8.55		8.66			9.85		8.3		
Tangible common equity to assets ⁽²⁾ Tangible common equity to risk- weighted assets ⁽²⁾		9.02 13.34		8.79	•		5.66 8.45		5.67 8.26		5.73 8.44			7.04 13.34		5.5 8.4		
ASSET QUALITY *																		
Non-performing loans	\$	26,088		\$ 27,864	1	\$	96,006	\$	109,894	5	5 115,001		\$	26,088	\$	115,00	1	
Foreclosed properties		4,467		3,930			16,734		18,264		26,958			4,467		26,95		
Total non-performing assets (NPAs)		30,555		31,800			112,740		128,158		141,959			30,555		141,95		
Allowance for loan losses		80,372		81,845			105,753		107,137		107,642			80,372		107,64		
Net charge-offs		4,473		72,408			12,384		14,505		20,563			89,265		55,32		
Allowance for loan losses to loans		1.88	%		5 %		2.52	%	2.57	%	2.60	%		1.88	%) %	
Net charge-offs to average loans ⁽³⁾		.42		6.8			1.21		1.39		1.99			2.84		1.8		
NPAs to loans and foreclosed properties		.72		.70			2.68		3.06		3.41			.72		3.4		
NPAs to total assets		.42		.44			1.65		1.88		2.12			.42		2.12		
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AVERAGE BALANCES (\$ in millions) Loans	\$	4,250		\$ 4,253	2	\$	4,197	\$	4,191	5	6 4,147	2	\$	4,234	\$	4,15	7	2
Investment securities	φ	2,178		2,16		φ	2,141	φ	2,088		1,971	11	φ	2,160	¢	2,08		23
Earning assets		6,615		6,608			6,547		6,482		6,346	4		6,590		6,56		5
-		7,170		6,915			6,834		6,778			8		6,974		6,894		- 1
Total assets											6,648							
Deposits Shareholders' equity		5,987		5,983			5,946		5,873		5,789	3		5,972		5,89		1
Shareholders' equity		846		630 58 14			588		585		582	45		691		58		19
Common shares - basic (thousands)		59,100		58,141			58,081		57,971		57,880			58,443		57,82		
Common shares - diluted (<i>thousands</i>)		59,202		58,141	L		58,081		57,971		57,880			58,444		57,82	5	
AT PERIOD END (\$ in millions)	+			ф		*						2	~					2
Loans *	\$	4,267		\$ 4,189		\$	4,194	\$	· · ·	5		3	\$	4,267	\$			3
Investment securities		2,169		2,152			2,141		2,079		2,025	7		2,169		2,02		7
Total assets		7,243		7,163			6,849		6,802		6,699	8		7,243		6,69		8
Deposits		6,113		6,012			6,026		5,952		5,823	5		6,113		5,82		5
Shareholders' equity		852		829)		592		581		585	46		852		58:	5	46
Common shares outstanding (thousands)		59,412		57,83	l		57,767		57,741		57,710			59,412		57,71)	

⁽¹⁾ Net income available to common shareholders, which is net of preferred stock dividends, divided by average realized common equity, which excludes accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). ⁽²⁾ Excludes effect of acquisition related intangibles and associated amortization. ⁽³⁾ Annualized. ⁽⁴⁾ Calculated as of period-end.

* Excludes loans and foreclosed properties covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Non-GAAP Performance Measures Reconciliation Selected Financial Information

				2013					12		For the Nine Months			
(in thousands, except per share		Third		Second		First		Fourth		Third		Ended Sep	otemb	· · · · ·
data; taxable equivalent)	(Juarter		Quarter	(Quarter	(Juarter	(Juarter		2013		2012
Interest revenue reconciliation														
Interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$	61,363	\$	61,693	\$	62,134	\$	64,450	\$	65,978	\$	185,190	\$	202,979
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(370)		(368)		(365)		(381)		(419)		(1,103)		(1,309)
Interest revenue (GAAP)	\$	60,993	\$	61,325	\$	61,769	\$	64,069	\$	65,559	\$	184,087	\$	201,670
Net interest revenue reconciliation														
Net interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$	54,338	\$	54,562	\$	54,659	\$	56,028	\$	57,371	\$	163,559	\$	173,071
Faxable equivalent adjustment		(370)		(368)		(365)		(381)		(419)		(1,103)		(1,309)
Net interest revenue (GAAP)	\$	53,968	\$	54,194	\$	54,294	\$	55,647	\$	56,952	\$	162,456	\$	171,762
Total revenue reconciliation											_			
Total operating revenue	\$	65,482	\$	22,374	\$	56,485	\$	56,789	\$	55.635	\$	144,341	\$	166,581
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(370)		(368)		(365)		(381)		(419)		(1,103)		(1,309)
Total revenue (GAAP)	\$	65,112	\$	22,006	\$	56,120	\$	56,408	\$	55,216	\$	143,238	\$	165,272
(ncome (loss) before taxes reconciliation														
Income (loss) before taxes	\$	25,385	\$	(26,449)	\$	12,715	\$	6,063	\$	10,852	\$	11,651	\$	30,533
Faxable equivalent adjustment	φ	(370)	φ	(368)	φ	(365)	φ	(381)	φ	(419)	φ	(1,103)	φ	(1,309)
Income (loss) before taxes (GAAP)	\$	25,015	\$	(26,817)	\$	12,350	\$	5,682	\$	10,433	\$	10,548	\$	29,224
income (loss) before taxes (GAAI)	φ	25,015	φ	(20,817)	φ	12,330	φ	5,082	φ	10,433	φ	10,548	φ	29,224
ncome tax expense (benefit) reconciliation														
ncome tax expense (benefit)	\$	9,885	\$	(256,413)	\$	950	\$	802	\$	284	\$	(245,578)	\$	1,938
Faxable equivalent adjustment		(370)		(368)		(365)		(381)		(419)		(1,103)		(1,309)
Income tax expense (benefit) (GAAP)	\$	9,515	\$	(256,781)	\$	585	\$	421	\$	(135)	\$	(246,681)	\$	629
Book value per common share reconciliation														
Fangible book value per common share	\$	10.95	\$	10.82	\$	6.76	\$	6.57	\$	6.64	\$	10.95	\$	6.64
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		.04		.08		.09		.10		.11		.04		.11
Book value per common share (GAAP)	\$	10.99	\$	10.90	\$	6.85	\$	6.67	\$	6.75	\$	10.99	\$	6.75
Average equity to assets reconciliation														
Cangible common equity to assets		9.02 9	6	8.79	%	5.66	%	5.67 9	%	5.73	%	7.04	%	5.50
Effect of preferred equity		2.74		2.74		2.87		2.88		2.93		2.81		2.82
Tangible equity to assets		11.76		11.53		8.53		8.55		8.66		9.85		8.32
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		.04		.04		.07		.08		.09		.06		.10
Equity to assets (GAAP)		11.80 9	6	11.57	%	8.60	%	8.63	10	8.75	%	9.91	%	8.42
Cangible common equity to risk-weighted assets	recond	iliation												
angible common equity to risk-weighted assets		13.34 9	6	13.16	%	8.45	%	8.26 9	%	8.44	%	13.34	%	8.44
Effect of other comprehensive income		.49	-	.29	-	.49		.51	-	.36	-	.49		.36
Effect of deferred tax limitation		(4.72)		(4.99)		/		-		-		(4.72)		-
Effect of trust preferred		1.09		1.11		1.15		1.15		1.17		1.09		1.17
Effect of preferred equity		4.01		4.11		4.22		4.24		4.29		4.01		4.29
shoet of preferred equity		14.21 9		13.68		14.31		14.16 9		14.29		14.21	~	14.29

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Loan Portfolio Composition at Period-End⁽¹⁾

				2013				20)12		Liı	nked	Yea	ar over
	,	Third	S	econd		First	F	ourth	r	Fhird	Qu	arter	Ŋ	lear
(in millions)	Q	uarter	Q	uarter	Q	uarter	Q	uarter	Q	uarter	Ch	ange	Cł	nange
LOANS BY CATEGORY														
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$	1,129	\$	1,119	\$	1,130	\$	1,131	\$	1,126	\$	10	\$	3
Income producing commercial RE		614		629		674		682		693		(15)		(79)
Commercial & industrial		457		437		454		458		460		20		(3)
Commercial construction		137		133		152		155		161		4		(24)
Total commercial		2,337		2,318		2,410		2,426		2,440		19		(103)
Residential mortgage		888		876		850		829		833		12		55
Home equity lines of credit		421		402		396		385		341		19		80
Residential construction		318		332		372		382		389		(14)		(71)
Consumer installment		303		261		166		153		135		42		168
Total loans	\$	4,267	\$	4,189	\$	4,194	\$	4,175	\$	4,138		78		129
LOANS BY MARKET														
North Georgia	\$	1,262	\$	1,265	\$	1,363	\$	1,364	\$	1,383		(3)		(121)
Atlanta MSA		1,246		1,227		1,262		1,250		1,238		19		8
North Carolina		575		576		575		579		579		(1)		(4)
Coastal Georgia		421		397		398		400		380		24		41
Gainesville MSA		253		256		259		261		256		(3)		(3)
East Tennessee		277		282		282		283		283		(5)		(6)
South Carolina		47		34		-		-		-		13		47
Other ⁽²⁾		186		152		55		38		19		34		167
Total loans	\$	4,267	\$	4,189	\$	4,194	\$	4,175	\$	4,138		78		129
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTIO	DN													
Dirt loans														
Acquisition & development	\$	40	\$	42	\$	57	\$	62	\$	71		(2)		(31)
Land loans		35		36		42		46		41		(1)		(6)
Lot loans		167		173		188		193		196		(6)		(29)
Total		242		251		287		301		308		(9)		(66)
House loans														
Spec		30		34		40		41		44		(4)		(14)
Sold		46		47		45		40		37		(1)		9
Total		76		81	-	85		81	-	81		(5)		(5)
Total residential construction	\$	318	\$	332	\$	372	\$	382	\$	389		(14)		(71)

⁽¹⁾ Excludes total loans of \$23.3 million, \$25.7 million, \$28.3 million, \$33.4 million and \$37.0 million as of September 30, 2013, June 30, 2013, March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012 and September 30, 2012, respectively, that are covered by the loss-sharing agreement with the FDIC, related to the acquisition of Southern Community Bank. ⁽²⁾ Includes purchased indirect auto loans that are not assigned to a geographic region.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Credit Quality⁽¹⁾

			Third (Juarter 2013					Second	Quarter 2013	3		First Quarter 2013					
	Non-	performing	Fo	reclosed		Total	Non-	performing	Fo	oreclosed		Total	Non	performing	Fo	reclosed		Total
(in thousands)		Loans	Pr	operties		NPAs		Loans	P	operties		NPAs		Loans	Pr	operties		NPAs
NONPERFORMING ASSET	S BY C	ATEGORY																
Owner occupied CRE	\$	6,358	\$	591	\$	6,949	\$	5,283	\$	547	\$	5,830	\$	8,142	\$	4,750	\$	12,892
Income producing CRE		1,657		139		1,796		1,954		-		1,954		9,162		834		9,996
Commercial & industrial		609		-		609		548		-		548		29,545		-		29,545
Commercial construction		343		376		719		504		376		880		22,359		3,027		25,386
Total commercial		8,967		1,106		10,073		8,289		923		9,212		69,208		8,611		77,819
Residential mortgage		11,335		1,679		13,014		12,847		1,303		14,150		10,901		3,463		14,364
Home equity lines of credit		1,169		475		1,644		1,491		140		1,631		916		-		916
Residential construction		4,097		1,207		5,304		4,838		1,570		6,408		14,592		4,660		19,252
Consumer installment		520		-		520		399		-		399		389		-		389
Total NPAs	\$	26,088	\$	4,467	\$	30,555	\$	27,864	\$	3,936	\$	31,800	\$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740
Balance as a % of													-					
Unpaid Principal		61.6%		41.5%		57.6%		62.6%		31.6%		55.8%		66.3%		45.0%		62.0%
NONPERFORMING ASSET	S BY M	ARKET																
North Georgia	\$	13,652	\$	1,726	\$	15,378	\$	12,830	\$	1,617	\$	14,447	\$	63,210	\$	6,616	\$	69,826
Atlanta MSA		3,096		1,026		4,122		3,803		1,197		5,000		17,380		3,524		20,904
North Carolina		5,680		762		6,442		6,512		295		6,807		8,519		2,533		11,052
Coastal Georgia		995		928		1,923		2,588		627		3,215		3,523		1,449		4,972
Gainesville MSA		1,036		-		1,036		1,008		-		1,008		911		370		1,281
East Tennessee		1,629		25		1,654		1,123		200		1,323		2,463		2,242		4,705
South Carolina		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Other ⁽³⁾		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Total NPAs	\$	26,088	\$	4,467	\$	30,555	\$	27,864	\$	3,936	\$	31,800	\$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740
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NONPERFORMING ASSET Beginning Balance	SACII \$	27,864	\$	3,936	\$	31,800	\$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740	\$	109,894	\$	18,264	\$	128,158
Loans placed on non-accrual	Ф	27,804 9,959	\$	3,930	\$	9,959	э	13,200	¢	10,734	¢	13,200	Ф	9.665	¢	18,204	¢	9,665
Payments received		(3,601)				(3,601)		(47,937)		-		(47,937)		(6,809)		-		(6,809)
Loan charge-offs		(5,001)				(5,001)		(47,937) (23,972)		-		(23,972)		(10,456)				(10,456)
Foreclosures		(2,739)		2.739		(3,393)		(23,972) (9,433)		- 9.433		(23,972)		(6,288)		6.288		(10,430)
Capitalized costs		(2,159)		2,739		- 7		(3,433)		9,433 55		- 55		(0,288)		0,288		- 54
Property sales				(2,534)		(2,534)				(17,972)		(17,972)		-		(6,726)		(6,726)
Write downs		-		(2,334)		(2,334)		-		(1,369)		(17,972)		-		(1,041)		(1,041)
Net gains (losses) on sales				648		648				(2,945)		(2,945)		-		(1,041)		(1,041)
Ending Balance	\$	26,088	\$	4,467	¢	30,555	\$	27,864	\$	3,936	\$	31,800	\$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740
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		Third Qua	rter 2013	Second Quarter 2013			arter 2013			First Quar	Loans Loans 1,922 .69 3,321 1.99 1,501 1.34 (4) (.01) 6,740 1.14 1,635 .79 512 .53 2,973 3.22 524 1.35 12,384 1.21 4,868 1.45 3,295 1.07 2,249 1.59 821 .85 430 .67		
(in thousands)	Cha	Net rge-Offs	Net Charg Offs to Average Loans ⁽²⁾		Cha	Net urge-Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans ⁽²⁾		Net Charge-Offs		Offs Avera	to ige	
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY C	ATEGOR	RY											
Owner occupied CRE	\$	1,641	.58 %	6	\$	16,545	5.85 %		\$	1,922	.69	%	
Income producing CRE		216	.14			8,921	5.45			3,321	1.99		
Commercial & industrial		136	.12			15,576	13.91			1,501	1.34		
Commercial construction		133	.39			6,295	17.53			(4)	(.01)		
Total commercial		2,126	.36	-		47,337	7.96	-		6,740	1.14		
Residential mortgage		693	.31			5,469	2.52			1,635	.79		
Home equity lines of credit		382	.37			1,040	1.04			512	.53		
Residential construction		1,072	1.31			18,506	20.91			2,973	3.22		
Consumer installment		200	.28			56	.10			524	1.35		
Total	\$	4,473	.42	=	\$	72,408	6.87	=	\$	12,384	1.21		
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY M	IARKET												
North Georgia	\$	2,090	.66 %	6	\$	59,102	17.20 %		\$	4,868	1.45	%	
Atlanta MSA		1,013	.33			9,986	3.21			3,295	1.07		
North Carolina		704	.49			1,952	1.36			2,249	1.59		
Coastal Georgia		139	.14			480	.49			821	.85		
Gainesville MSA		97	.15			123	.19			430	.67		
East Tennessee		359	.51			711	1.01			679	.98		
South Carolina		-	-			-	-			-	-		
Other (3)		71	.17			54	.24			42	.39		
Total	\$	4,473	.42	-	\$	72,408	6.87	-	\$	12,384	1.21		

(1) Excludes non-performing loans and foreclosed properties covered by the loss-sharing agreement with the FDIC, related to the acquisition of Southern Community Bank.
 (2) Annualized.

⁽³⁾ Includes purchased indirect auto loans that are not assigned to a geographic region.

Consolidated Statement of Income (Unaudited)

		nths Ended nber 30,		ths Ended Iber 30,
(in thousands, except per share data)	2013	2012	2013	2012
	2013	2012	2015	2012
Interest revenue: Loans, including fees	\$ 50,114	\$ 53,868	\$ 151,776	\$ 163,805
Investment securities, including tax exempt of \$202, \$225, \$624 and \$737	\$ 50,114 9,872	³ 55,808 10,706	³ 131,770 29,518	\$ 105,805 34,772
Deposits in banks and short-term investments	1,007	985	29,518	3,093
Total interest revenue	60,993	65,559	184,087	201,670
	00,995	05,559	104,007	201,070
Interest expense:				
Deposits:	412	4 4 7	1 296	1 507
NOW	413	447	1,286	1,587
Money market	545	599 27	1,641	1,901
Savings	37	37	109	112
Time	2,486	4,612	8,636	15,844
Total deposit interest expense	3,481	5,695	11,672	19,444
Short-term borrowings	525	514	1,563	2,463
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	16	26	65 9 221	882
Long-term debt	3,003	2,372	8,331	7,119
Total interest expense	7,025	8,607	21,631	29,908
Net interest revenue	53,968	56,952	162,456	171,762
Provision for loan losses	3,000	15,500	62,500	48,500
Net interest revenue after provision for loan losses	50,968	41,452	99,956	123,262
Fee revenue:				
Service charges and fees	8,456	7,696	23,831	23,295
Mortgage loan and other related fees	2,554	2,800	8,212	7,221
Brokerage fees	1,274	709	3,104	2,331
Securities gains, net	-	-	116	7,047
Loss from prepayment of debt	-	-	-	(6,681)
Other	1,860	2,559	8,019	8,797
Total fee revenue	14,144	13,764	43,282	42,010
Total revenue	65,112	55,216	143,238	165,272
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	23,090	22,918	71,416	72,440
Communications and equipment	3,305	3,254	9,819	9,620
Occupancy	3,379	3,539	10,195	10,849
Advertising and public relations	962	934	2,937	2,868
Postage, printing and supplies	644	954	2,401	2,849
Professional fees	2,650	2,180	7,515	6,107
Foreclosed property	194	3,706	7,678	9,382
FDIC assessments and other regulatory charges	2,405	2,537	7,415	7,592
Amortization of intangibles	427	728	1,623	2,190
Other	3,041	4,033	11,691	12,151
Total operating expenses	40,097	44,783	132,690	136,048
Net income before income taxes	25,015	10,433	10,548	29,224
Income tax expense (benefit)	9,515	(135)	(246,681)	629
Net income	15,500	10,568	257,229	28,595
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	3,059	3,041	9,166	9,103
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 12,441	\$ 7,527	\$ 248,063	\$ 19,492
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Earnings per common share	ф С	ф <u>1</u> 2	ф <u>(</u> , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	ф <u>а</u> ;
Basic	\$.21	\$.13	\$ 4.24	\$.34
Diluted	.21	.13	4.24	.34
Weighted average common shares outstanding	50.100	57 000	50 442	57 00 1
Basic	59,100	57,880	58,443	57,826
Diluted	59,202	57,880	58,444	57,826

Consolidated Balance Sheet

(in thousands, except share and per share data)	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30 2012
	(unaudited)	(audited)	(audited)
ASSETS			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 70,986	\$ 66,536	\$ 57,27
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	131,147	124,613	119,35
Short-term investments	62,000	60,000	45,000
Cash and cash equivalents	264,133	251,149	221,62
Securities available for sale	1,963,424	1,834,593	1,761,994
Securities held to maturity (fair value \$214,651, \$261,131 and \$281,336)	205,613	244,184	262,648
Mortgage loans held for sale	11,987	28,821	30,57
Loans, net of unearned income	4,267,067	4,175,008	4,137,84
Less allowance for loan losses	(80,372)	(107,137)	(107,64)
Loans, net	4,186,695	4,067,871	4,030,20
Assets covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC	31,207	47,467	53,070
Premises and equipment, net	165,993	168,920	170,532
Bank owned life insurance	80,537	81,867	81,574
Accrued interest receivable	18,199	18,659	19,13
Goodwill and other intangible assets	3,888	5,510	6,23
Foreclosed property	4,467	18,264	26,95
Net deferred tax asset	269,784	-	
Other assets	37,366	34,954	34,690
Total assets	\$ 7,243,293	\$ 6,802,259	\$ 6,699,233
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			,,
Liabilities:			
Deposits:			
Demand	\$ 1,418,782	\$ 1,252,605	\$ 1,210,703
			1,184,341
NOW	1,279,134	1,316,453	
Money market	1,197,495	1,149,912	1,126,312
Savings	249,044	227,308	222,43
Time:			
Less than \$100,000	925,089	1,055,271	1,123,672
Greater than \$100,000	624,019	705,558	731,760
Brokered	419,344	245,033	223,474
Total deposits	6,112,907	5,952,140	5,822,699
Short-term borrowings	53,769	52,574	53,243
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	125	40,125	50,125
Long-term debt	129,865	124,805	120,28
Unsettled securities purchases	11,610	-	24,319
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	82,800	51,210	43,309
Total liabilities	6,391,076	6,220,854	6,113,980
Shareholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized;			
Series A; \$10 stated value; 21,700 shares issued and outstanding	217	217	217
Series B; \$1,000 stated value; 180,000 shares issued and outstanding	179,714	178,557	178,183
Series D; \$1,000 stated value; 16,613 shares issued and outstanding	16,613	16,613	16,613
Common stock, \$1 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized;	,	,	,
45,222,839, 42,423,870 and 42,393,319 shares issued and outstanding	45,223	42,424	42,393
Common stock, non-voting, \$1 par value; 30,000,000 shares authorized;	,	,	
14,189,006, 15,316,794 and 15,316,794 shares issued and outstanding	14,189	15,317	15,317
Common stock issuable; 242,262, 133,238 and 129,270 shares	3,979	3,119	3,24
Capital surplus	1,077,536	1,057,951	1,056,998
Accumulated deficit	(461,090)	(709,153)	(711,36
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(401,090) (24,164)	(23,640)	(16,344
Total shareholders' equity	852,217	581,405	585,255
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 7,243,293	\$ 6,802,259	\$ 6,699,235

Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis

For the Three Months Ended September 30,

		2013			2012	
	Average		Avg.	Average		Avg.
(dollars in thousands, taxable equivalent)	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate
Assets:						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans, net of unearned income ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 4,249,892	\$ 50,217	4.69 %	\$ 4,147,220	\$ 53,963	5.18 %
Taxable securities ⁽³⁾	2,157,448	9,670	1.79	1,947,780	10,481	2.15
Tax-exempt securities ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	20,913	331	6.32	22,895	368	6.43
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets	186,544	1,145	2.46	227,950	1,166	2.05
Total interest-earning assets	6,614,797	61,363	3.69	6,345,845	65,978	4.14
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Allowance for loan losses	(83,408)			(112,034)		
Cash and due from banks	63,890			51,705		
Premises and equipment	166,906			171,608		
Other assets ⁽³⁾	407,912			190,439		
Total assets	\$ 7,170,097			\$ 6,647,563		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity: Interest-bearing liabilities: Interest-bearing deposits: NOW Money market Savings Time less than \$100,000 Time greater than \$100,000 Brokered time deposits Total interest-bearing deposits Federal funds purchased and other borrowings Federal Home Loan Bank advances Long-term debt Total borrowed funds	\$ 1,222,334 1,328,661 248,937 952,320 644,264 233,842 4,630,358 67,292 32,082 144,601 243,975	$ \begin{array}{r} 413\\545\\37\\1,369\\1,229\\(112)\\3,481\\525\\16\\3,003\\3,544\end{array} $.13 .16 .06 .57 .76 (.19) .30 3.10 .20 8.24 5.76	\$ 1,176,087 1,157,655 221,186 1,144,103 750,828 176,114 4,625,973 55,994 44,473 120,276 220,743	447 599 37 2,260 1,876 476 5,695 514 26 2,372 2,912	.15 .21 .07 .79 .99 1.08 .49 3.65 .23 7.85 5.25
Total interest-bearing liabilities Non-interest-bearing liabilities: Non-interest-bearing deposits Other liabilities Total liabilities Shareholders' equity Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	4,874,333 1,356,792 93,247 6,324,372 845,725 \$ 7,170,097	7,025	.57	4,846,716 1,163,471 55,607 6,065,794 581,769 \$ 6,647,563	8,607	.71
Net interest revenue		\$ 54,338	2.10 ~		\$ 57,371	2.42 ~
Net interest-rate spread		=	3.12 %		:	3.43 %
Net interest margin ⁽⁴⁾		=	3.26 %		-	3.60 %

⁽¹⁾ Interest revenue on tax-exempt securities and loans has been increased to reflect comparable interest on taxable securities and loans. The rate used was 39%, reflecting the statutory federal income tax rate and the federal tax adjusted state income tax rate.

⁽²⁾ Included in the average balance of loans outstanding are loans where the accrual of interest has been discontinued and loans that are held for sale.

(3) Securities available for sale are shown at amortized cost. Pretax unrealized losses of \$10.6 million in 2013 and pretax unrealized gains of \$22.9 million in 2012 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

⁽⁴⁾ Net interest margin is taxable equivalent net-interest revenue divided by average interest-earning assets.

Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis

For the Nine Months Ended September 30,

		2013			2012	
	Average		Avg.	Average		Avg.
(dollars in thousands, taxable equivalent)	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate
Assets:						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans, net of unearned income ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 4,233,531	\$152,022	4.80 %	\$ 4,157,057	\$164,101	5.27 %
Taxable securities ⁽³⁾	2,138,725	28,894	1.80	2,065,112	34,035	2.20
Tax-exempt securities ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	21,411	1,022	6.36	24,187	1,207	6.65
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets	196,445	3,252	2.21	322,998	3,636	1.50
Total interest-earning assets	6,590,112	185,190	3.76	6,569,354	202,979	4.13
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Allowance for loan losses	(100,154)			(115,252)		
Cash and due from banks	63,879			52,755		
Premises and equipment	168,144			173,410		
Other assets ⁽³⁾	252,275			214,068		
Total assets	\$ 6,974,256			\$ 6,894,335		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity: Interest-bearing liabilities: Interest-bearing deposits: NOW Money market Savings Time less than \$100,000 Time greater than \$100,000 Brokered time deposits Total interest-bearing deposits Federal funds purchased and other borrowings Federal Home Loan Bank advances Long-term debt Total borrowed funds		$1,286 \\ 1,641 \\ 109 \\ 4,686 \\ 4,086 \\ (136) \\ \hline 11,672 \\ 1,563 \\ 65 \\ 8,331 \\ 9,959 \\ \hline$.14 .17 .06 .63 .81 (.09) .33 2.96 .21 8.47 5.47	\$ 1,304,159 1,120,091 214,280 1,199,563 783,370 162,682 4,784,145 85,022 153,539 120,256 358,817	$1,587 \\ 1,901 \\ 112 \\ 7,806 \\ 6,354 \\ 1,684 \\ 19,444 \\ 2,463 \\ 882 \\ 7,119 \\ 10,464 \\ 10,464 \\ 10,464 \\ 10,900 \\ 10,90$.16 .23 .07 .87 1.08 1.38 .54 3.87 .77 7.91 3.90
Total interest-bearing liabilities Non-interest-bearing liabilities: Non-interest-bearing deposits Other liabilities Total liabilities Shareholders' equity Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	4,910,251 1,305,133 68,312 6,283,696 690,560 \$ 6,974,256	21,631	.59	5,142,962 1,105,607 65,390 6,313,959 580,376 \$ 6,894,335	29,908	.78
Net interest revenue		\$163,559	2 17 01		\$173,071	2.25 01
Net interest-rate spread		=	3.17 %		=	3.35 %
Net interest margin ⁽⁴⁾		=	3.32 %		-	3.52 %

⁽¹⁾ Interest revenue on tax-exempt securities and loans has been increased to reflect comparable interest on taxable securities and loans. The rate used was 39%, reflecting the statutory federal income tax rate and the federal tax adjusted state income tax rate.

⁽²⁾ Included in the average balance of loans outstanding are loans where the accrual of interest has been discontinued and loans that are held for sale.

(3) Securities available for sale are shown at amortized cost. Pretax unrealized gains of \$7.96 million in 2013 and pretax unrealized gains of \$24.1 million in 2012 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

⁽⁴⁾ Net interest margin is taxable equivalent net-interest revenue divided by average interest-earning assets.