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### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. REPORTS EARNINGS OF \$230 MILLION FOR SECOND QUARTER 2013

- Net income of \$230 million, or \$3.90 per share
- Earnings reflect impact of reversal of valuation allowance on deferred tax asset and accelerated sales of classified assets
- Credit measures now at pre-credit crisis levels
- Capital levels remain strong

BLAIRSVILLE, GA – July 25, 2013 – United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) today reported net income of \$230 million, or \$3.90 per share, for the second quarter of 2013, and \$242 million, or \$4.05 per share, for the first six months of 2013. The results reflect the impact of two very significant events during the second quarter – the reversal of the valuation allowance on United's net deferred tax asset and higher provision for loan losses and foreclosed property expenses from the accelerated sales of classified assets.

"The second quarter events mark the final phase of our recovery from the financial crisis that has affected so many banks throughout the country and especially within our footprint," said Jimmy Tallent, president and chief executive officer. "With the reversal of our valuation allowance and the accelerated sales of classified assets, the lingering effects of the credit crisis are behind us. We can now devote full attention toward growing our business and increasing the value of our shareholders' investments."

Tallent noted that the reduction in loans resulting from the accelerated classified loan sales masked an otherwise solid quarter of loan growth. Though the company sold loans with a carrying amount of \$151 million, total loans were only down \$5 million from the first quarter.

"Achieving quality loan growth remains a top priority despite continued challenges with the sluggish economy," Tallent said. "We are accomplishing this objective by adding lenders strategically, including in our vibrant new markets of Greenville, South Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee."

The second quarter provision for loan losses was \$48.5 million compared with \$11 million in the first quarter and with \$18 million in the second quarter of 2012. The increase reflects the higher level of charge-offs associated with the accelerated classified loan sales. Second quarter net charge-offs were \$72.4 million compared with \$12.4 million in the first quarter and \$18.9 million a year ago. The \$48.5 million provision reflects the difference between the \$72.4 million in net charge-offs offset by a \$24 million reduction in the allowance for loan losses.

"We believed the time was right to take the final step toward putting the financial crisis behind us by selling our stress-related classified assets, including a bulk sale of \$131 million," Tallent said. "We have cleansed our balance sheet of legacy problem credits and are turning full attention to strategic initiatives to grow our business and shareholder value."

Nonperforming assets at quarter-end were \$31.8 million, representing .44 percent of total assets. This total is down from \$113 million, or 1.65 percent, at March 31, 2013, and \$146 million, or 2.16 percent, at June 30, 2012. The classified asset ratio, which is the ratio of classified assets to Tier 1 regulatory capital plus the allowance for loan losses, declined to 27 percent from 49 percent at March 31 and from 62 percent a year ago.

Second quarter taxable equivalent net interest revenue totaled \$54.6 million, down \$97,000 from the first quarter and down \$2.27 million from the second quarter of 2012. "The decrease reflects the ongoing trend of lower yields on our loan and investment securities portfolios," said Tallent.

"The lower loan portfolio yield reflects competitive pricing pressure on new and renewed loans and new retail product offerings with low introductory rates. Introductory rates on the new retail products will begin to expire and approximately \$50 million will reset to a market rate in the third quarter of 2013. The lower investment securities yield is due to reinvestment of cash flows at record low rates. We continue to look for reinvestment opportunities, with a focus on floatingrate securities, to alleviate market and duration risk. At quarter-end, floating-rate securities accounted for 39 percent of the total investment securities portfolio compared to 34 percent last quarter. The higher proportion improves our overall interest sensitivity position by reducing exposure to rising interest rates."

The second quarter taxable equivalent net interest margin was 3.31 percent, down seven basis points from the first quarter and 12 basis points from a year ago. "Our net interest margin will remain under pressure as long as interest rates hold at these unprecedented low levels," stated Tallent. "To offset the impact on net interest revenue, we remain sharply focused 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."

Second quarter fee revenue was \$16.3 million, compared to \$12.8 million in the first quarter and \$12.9 million a year ago. Contributing to these increases were higher mortgage, advisory services and interchange fee revenue, as well as two non-core items in other fee revenue. Mortgage fee revenue increased \$348,000 from the first quarter and \$681,000 from a year ago, to \$3.0 million. Closed mortgage loans totaled \$95.2 million in the second quarter, compared with \$69.8 million in the first quarter and \$79.8 million in the second quarter of 2012.

The two non-core items that contributed to the increase in other fee revenue were a \$1.37 million recovery on a bank-owned life insurance policy and a \$468,000 gain from the sale of low-income housing tax credits. In addition, other fee revenue included customer derivative fees of \$488,000 compared with \$252,000 in the first quarter of 2013. These fees are from the company's newly rolled-out loan swap program for commercial loan customers.

Operating expenses, excluding foreclosed property costs, were \$43.7 million in the second quarter of 2013 compared to \$41.4 million for the first quarter of 2013 and \$42.5 million a year ago. The increase from both periods was due mostly to higher severance costs; second quarter 2013 severance costs were \$1.56 million compared with \$360,000 and \$1.16 million for the first quarter of 2013 and the second quarter of 2012, respectively. Also contributing to the increase in operating expenses were higher mortgage and brokerage incentives related to the higher revenue levels and higher consulting fees associated with various revenue enhancement and efficiency projects.

Foreclosed property costs were \$5.15 million in the second quarter of 2013 compared to \$2.33 million in the first quarter and \$1.85 million a year ago. The higher total reflects losses incurred on the accelerated sales of foreclosed properties. Included in second quarter 2013 costs were \$4.31 million in net losses and write-downs and \$837,000 for maintenance. For the first quarter of 2013, foreclosed property costs included \$1.15 million in net losses and write-downs and \$1.19 million in maintenance. Second quarter 2012 foreclosed property costs included \$739,000 in net losses and write-downs and \$1.11 million in maintenance.

As of June 30, 2013, capital ratios were as follows: Tier 1 Risk-Based of 13.7 percent; Total Risk-Based of 15.2 percent; Tier 1 Common Risk-Based of 8.5 percent; and, Tangible Equity-to-Assets of 11.5 percent. The average Tier 1 Leverage ratio was 9.8 percent at June 30, 2013.

"With credit quality now well under control, our attention is focused on growing our business and improving earnings performance," concluded Tallent. "In a competitive landscape, we must work more efficiently to achieve our goals, all while maintaining the best customer satisfaction scores in the industry. This team is more than up to the challenge and fully committed."

#### Conference Call

United will hold a conference call today, Thursday, July 25, 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 11766770. 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 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

<i></i>			2013	<b>T</b> .				2012		<u> </u>	Second Quarter		Montl		ded	YTD
(in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)		cond arter		First Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Third Quarter		Second Ouarter	2013-2012 Change		Jui 2013	ne 30,	2012	2013-201 Change
INCOME SUMMARY	•			•		•		•								8
Interest revenue	\$ 6	51,693	\$	62,134	9	64,450	\$	65,978	\$	66,780		\$	123,827	\$	137,001	
Interest expense	φ (	7,131	Ψ	7,475	4	8,422	Ψ	8,607	Ψ	9,944		Ψ	14,606	Ψ	21,301	
Net interest revenue		54,562		54,659		56,028		57,371		56,836	(4) %		109,221		115,700	(6) 9
Provision for loan losses		48,500		11,000		14,000		15,500		18,000			59,500		33,000	(3) ,
Fee revenue		16,312		12,826		14,761		13,764		12,867	27		29,138		28,246	3
Total revenue		22,374		56,485		56,789		55,635		51,703			78,859		110,946	
Operating expenses		48,823		43,770		50,726		44,783		44,310	10		92,593		91,265	1
(Loss) income before income taxes		26,449)		12,715		6,063		10,852		7,393			(13,734)		19,681	
Income tax (benefit) expense		56,413)		950		802		284		894		(	255,463)		1,654	
Net income		29,964		11,765		5,261		10,568		6,499		-	241,729		18,027	
Preferred dividends and discount accretion		3,055		3,052		3,045		3,041		3,032			6,107		6,062	
Net income available to common										<u> </u>					<u> </u>	
shareholders	\$ 22	26,909	\$	8,713	5	5 2,216	\$	7,527	\$	3,467		\$	235,622	\$	11,965	
PERFORMANCE MEASURES																
Per common share:																
Diluted income	\$	3.90	\$				\$		\$			\$	4.05	\$	.21	
Book value		10.90		6.85		6.67		6.75		6.61	65		10.90		6.61	65
Tangible book value <sup>(2)</sup>		10.82		6.76		6.57		6.64		6.48	67		10.82		6.48	67
Key performance ratios:																
Return on equity <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	1	197.22	%	8.51	%	2.15	%	7.43	%	3.51	%		108.34	%	6.12	%
Return on assets <sup>(3)</sup>		13.34		.70		.31		.63		.37			7.09		.52	
Net interest margin <sup>(3)</sup>		3.31		3.38		3.44		3.60		3.43			3.34		3.48	
Efficiency ratio		68.89		5.38 64.97		71.69		62.95		63.84			5.54 66.98		63.56	
-		11.57	(4)													
Equity to assets			(4)	8.60		8.63		8.75		8.33			8.90		8.26	
Tangible equity to assets <sup>(2)</sup>		11.53		8.53		8.55		8.66		8.24			8.83		8.16	
Tangible common equity to assets <sup>(2)</sup> Tangible common equity to risk- weighted assets <sup>(2)</sup>		8.79 13.16	(4)	5.66 8.45		5.67 8.26		5.73 8.44		5.45 8.37			5.99 13.16		5.39 8.37	
		15.10		0.45		0.20		0.44		0.57			15.10		0.57	
ASSET QUALITY *		2004	¢	06.006	4	100.004	ф.	115 001	¢	115 240		¢	27.064	¢	115 240	
Non-performing loans	\$ 2	27,864	\$	,		5 109,894	\$	115,001	\$	115,340		\$	27,864	\$	115,340	
Foreclosed properties		3,936		16,734		18,264		26,958		30,421			3,936		30,421	
Total non-performing assets (NPAs)		31,800		112,740		128,158		141,959		145,761			31,800		145,761	
Allowance for loan losses	8	81,845		105,753		107,137		107,642		112,705			81,845		112,705	
Net charge-offs	7	72,408		12,384		14,505		20,563		18,896			84,792		34,763	
Allowance for loan losses to loans		1.95	%	2.52	%	2.57	%	2.60	%	2.74	%		1.95	%	2.74	%
Net charge-offs to average loans <sup>(3)</sup>		6.87		1.21		1.39		1.99		1.85			4.07		1.70	
NPAs to loans and foreclosed properties		.76		2.68		3.06		3.41		3.51			.76		3.51	
NPAs to total assets		.44		1.65		1.88		2.12		2.16			.44		2.16	
AVERAGE BALANCES (\$ in millions)																
Loans	\$	4,253	\$	4,197	9	6 4,191	\$	4,147	\$	4,156	2	\$	4,225	\$	4,162	2
Investment securities		2,161		2,141		2,088		1,971		2,145	1		2,151		2,149	-
Earning assets		6,608		6,547		6,482		6,346		6,665	(1)		6,578		6,682	(2)
Total assets		6,915		6,834		6,778		6,648		6,993	(1)		6,875		7,019	(2)
Deposits		5,983		5,946		5,873		5,789		5,853	2		5,964		5,940	-
Shareholders' equity		636		588		585		582		583	9		612		580	6
Common shares - basic ( <i>thousands</i> )	4	58,141		58,081		57,971		57,880		57,840	,		58,111		57,803	0
Common shares - diluted ( <i>thousands</i> )		58,141		58,081		57,971		57,880		57,840 57,840			58,111		57,803 57,803	
AT PERIOD END (\$ in millions)				23,001		5,,71		27,000		27,040			50,111		57,005	
Loans *	\$	1 1 2 0	\$	1 104	9	1 175	\$	4,138	\$	4,119	2	\$	4,189	\$	4,119	2
	Φ	4,189	\$	,	1	,	\$	<i>'</i>	\$	· ·		ф		\$		
Investment securities		2,152		2,141		2,079		2,025		1,984	8		2,152		1,984	8
Total assets		7,163		6,849		6,802		6,699		6,737	6		7,163		6,737	6
Deposits		6,012		6,026		5,952		5,823		5,822	3		6,012		5,822	3
Shareholders' equity		829		592		581		585		576	44		829		576	44
Common shares outstanding (thousands)	4	57,831		57,767		57,741		57,710		57,641			57,831		57,641	

<sup>(1)</sup> 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). <sup>(2)</sup> Excludes effect of acquisition related intangibles and associated amortization. <sup>(3)</sup> Annualized. <sup>(4)</sup> Calculated as of period-end to reflect the full impact of the reversal of the valuation allowance on United's deferred tax asset. The period-end ratio is more indicative of the ratio going forward.

\* 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

		20	013					2012				For	the S	ix
(in thousands, except per share	_	Second		First		Fourth		Third	1	Second		Montl	ns En	ded
data; taxable equivalent)	(	Quarter		Juarter	(	Quarter		Quarter	(	Juarter		2013		2012
Interest revenue reconciliation														
Interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$	61,693	\$	62,134	\$	64,450	\$	65,978	\$	66,780	\$	123,827	\$	137,001
Taxable equivalent adjustment	Ŷ	(368)	Ŷ	(365)	Ŷ	(381)	Ŷ	(419)	Ŷ	(444)	Ŷ	(733)	Ψ	(890)
Interest revenue (GAAP)	\$	61,325	\$	61,769	\$	64,069	\$	65,559	\$	66,336	\$	123,094	\$	()
Net interest revenue reconciliation														
Net interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$	54,562	\$	54,659	\$	56.028	\$	57,371	\$	56,836	\$	109,221	\$	115,700
Taxable equivalent adjustment	Ψ	(368)	Ψ	(365)	Ψ	(381)	Ψ	(419)	Ψ	(444)	Ψ	(733)	Ψ	(890)
Net interest revenue (GAAP)	\$	54,194	\$	54,294	\$	55,647	\$	56,952	\$	56,392	\$	108,488	\$	114,810
· · · ·	Ψ	54,174	ψ	54,274	ψ	55,047	ψ	30,752	ψ	30,372	Ψ	100,400	φ	114,010
Total revenue reconciliation														
Total operating revenue	\$	22,374	\$	56,485	\$	56,789	\$	55,635	\$	51,703	\$	78,859	\$	110,946
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(368)		(365)		(381)		(419)		(444)		(733)		(890)
Total revenue (GAAP)	\$	22,006	\$	56,120	\$	56,408	\$	55,216	\$	51,259	\$	78,126	\$	110,056
(Loss) income before taxes reconciliation														
(Loss) income before taxes	\$	(26,449)	\$	12,715	\$	6,063	\$	10,852	\$	7,393	\$	(13,734)	\$	19,681
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(368)		(365)		(381)		(419)		(444)		(733)		(890)
(Loss) income before taxes (GAAP)	\$	(26,817)	\$	12,350	\$	5,682	\$	10,433	\$	6,949	\$	(14,467)	\$	18,791
Income tax (benefit) expense reconciliation														
Income tax (benefit) expense	\$	(256,413)	\$	950	\$	802	\$	284	\$	894	\$	(255.463)	\$	1.654
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(368)		(365)		(381)		(419)		(444)		(733)		(890)
Income tax (benefit) expense (GAAP)	\$	(256,781)	\$	585	\$	421	\$	(135)	\$	450	\$	(256,196)	\$	
Book value per common share reconciliation														
Tangible book value per common share	\$	10.82	\$	6.76	\$	6.57	\$	6.64	\$	6.48	\$	10.82	\$	6.48
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles	Ŷ	.08	Ŷ	.09	Ŷ	.10	Ŷ	.11	Ψ	.13	Ŷ	.08	Ψ	.13
Book value per common share (GAAP)	\$	10.90	\$	6.85	\$	6.67	\$	6.75	\$	6.61	\$	10.90	\$	
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Average equity to assets reconciliation Tangible common equity to assets		8.79	0%	5.66	76	5.67	0%	5.73	26	5.45	0/0	5.99	%	5.39 %
Effect of preferred equity		2.74	/0	2.87	/0	2.88	10	2.93	,0	2.79	10	2.84	70	2.77
Tangible equity to assets		11.53		8.53		8.55		8.66		8.24		8.83		8.16
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		.04		.07		.08		.09		.09		.07		.10
Equity to assets (GAAP)			%		%	8.63	%		%		%		%	8.26 %
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Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets	recon		ci	0.45	or (	0.00	ci	0.44	01	0.07	Cl	10.16	ci	0.27 %
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets		13.16	%	8.45	10	8.26	%	8.44	10		%	13.16	%	8.37 %
Effect of other comprehensive income		.29		.49		.51		.36		.28		.29		.28
Effect of deferred tax limitation		(4.99)		-		- 1.15		-		-		(4.99)		-
Effect of trust preferred		1.11		1.15				1.17		1.19		1.11		1.19
Effect of preferred equity Tier I capital ratio (Regulatory)		4.11	%	4.22	%	4.24	0%	4.29	%	4.35	<i>‰</i>	4.11 13.68	0%	$\frac{4.35}{14.19}$ %
rici i capitai fatto (Regulatory)		15.08	70	14.31	///	14.10	-/0	14.20	///	14.19	-70	13.08	-/0	14.19 %

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Loan Portfolio Composition at Period-End<sup>(1)</sup>

		20	)13					2012			Li	nked	Yea	r over
	S	econd		First	F	ourth	7	Third	S	econd		arter		ear
(in millions)	Q	uarter	Q	Quarter		uarter	Q	uarter	Q	uarter	Change		Change	
LOANS BY CATEGORY														
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$	1,119	\$	1,130	\$	1,131	\$	1,126	\$	1,140	\$	(11)	\$	(21)
Income producing commercial RE		629		674		682		693		697		(45)		(68)
Commercial & industrial		437		454		458		460		450		(17)		(13)
Commercial construction		133		152		155		161		169		(19)		(36)
Total commercial		2,318		2,410		2,426		2,440		2,456		(92)		(138)
Residential mortgage		876		850		829		833		834		26		42
Home equity lines of credit		402		396		385		341		294		6		108
Residential construction		332		372		382		389		409		(40)		(77)
Consumer installment		261		166		153		135		126		95		135
Total loans	\$	4,189	\$	4,194	\$	4,175	\$	4,138	\$	4,119		(5)		70
LOANS BY MARKET														
North Georgia	\$	1,265	\$	1,363	\$	1,364	\$	1,383	\$	1,387		(98)		(122)
Atlanta MSA		1,227		1,262		1,250		1,238		1,242		(35)		(15)
North Carolina		576		575		579		579		576		1		-
Coastal Georgia		397		398		400		380		369		(1)		28
Gainesville MSA		256		259		261		256		259		(3)		(3)
East Tennessee		282		282		283		283		276		-		6
South Carolina		34		-		-		-		-		34		34
Other <sup>(2)</sup>		152		55		38		19		10		97		142
Total loans	\$	4,189	\$	4,194	\$	4,175	\$	4,138	\$	4,119		(5)		70
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION	ON													
Dirt loans														
Acquisition & development	\$	42	\$	57	\$	62	\$	71	\$	78		(15)		(36)
Land loans		36		42		46		41		45		(6)		(9)
Lot loans		173		188		193		196		203		(15)		(30)
Total		251		287		301		308		326		(36)		(75)
House loans		~ .		10						10				
Spec		34		40		41		44		49		(6)		(15)
Sold		47		45		40		37		34		2		13
Total	¢	81	\$	85	\$	81	\$	81 389	\$	83		(4)		(2)
Total residential construction	\$	332	\$	372	\$	382	\$	389	\$	409		(40)		(77)

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes total loans of \$25.7 million, \$28.3 million, \$33.4 million, \$37.0 million and \$41.5 million as of June 30, 2013, March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, September 30, 2012 and June 30, 2012, respectively, that are covered by the loss-sharing agreement with the FDIC, related to the acquisition of Southern Community Bank. <sup>(2)</sup> Includes purchased indirect auto loans that are not assigned to a geographic region.

# UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Credit Quality<sup>(1)</sup>

			Second	Quarter 2013	;				First	Quarter 2013					Fourth	Quarter 2012	2	
	Non-	performing	Fe	oreclosed		Total	Non-	performing	F	oreclosed		Total	Non	performing	Fa	oreclosed		Total
(in thousands)		Loans	P	roperties		NPAs		Loans	Р	roperties		NPAs		Loans	Pı	operties		NPAs
NONPERFORMING ASSET	S BY C	ATEGORY																
Owner occupied CRE	\$	5,283	\$	547	\$	5,830	\$	8,142	\$	4,750	\$	12,892	\$	12,599	\$	4,989	\$	17,588
Income producing CRE		1,954		-		1,954		9,162		834		9,996		9,549		490		10,039
Commercial & industrial		548		-		548		29,545		-		29,545		31,817		-		31,817
Commercial construction		504		376		880		22,359		3,027		25,386		23,843		2,204		26,047
Total commercial		8,289		923		9,212		69,208		8,611		77,819		77,808		7,683		85,491
Residential mortgage		12,847		1,303		14,150		10,901		3,463		14,364		11,151		4,753		15,904
Home equity lines of credit		1,491		140		1,631		916		-		916		1,438		-		1,438
Residential construction		4,838		1,570		6,408		14,592		4,660		19,252		18,702		5,828		24,530
Consumer installment		399		-		399		389		-		389		795		-		795
Total NPAs	\$	27,864	\$	3,936	\$	31,800	\$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740	\$	109,894	\$	18,264	\$	128,158
Balance as a % of					_						_							
Unpaid Principal		62.6%		31.6%		55.8%		66.3%		45.0%		62.0%		69.5%		39.7%		62.8%
NONPERFORMING ASSET	S BY M	ARKET																
North Georgia	\$	12,830	\$	1,617	\$	14,447	\$	63,210	\$	6,616	\$	69,826	\$	69,950	\$	8,219	\$	78,169
Atlanta MSA		3,803		1,197		5,000		17,380		3,524		20,904		18,556		3,442		21,998
North Carolina		6,512		295		6,807		8,519		2,533		11,052		11,014		2,579		13,593
Coastal Georgia		2,588		627		3,215		3,523		1,449		4,972		3,810		1,609		5,419
Gainesville MSA		1,008		-		1,008		911		370		1,281		903		556		1,459
East Tennessee		1,123		200		1,323		2,463		2,242		4,705		5,661		1,859		7,520
South Carolina		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Other <sup>(3)</sup>		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Total NPAs	\$	27,864	\$	3,936	\$	31,800	\$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740	\$	109,894	\$	18,264	\$	128,158
NONPERFORMING ASSET	'S ACTI	VITV																
Beginning Balance	sacn \$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740	\$	109,894	\$	18,264	\$	128,158	\$	115,001	\$	26,958	\$	141,959
Loans placed on non-accrual	Ψ	13,200	Ψ	-	Ψ	13,200	Ψ	9,665	Ψ	-	Ψ	9.665	Ψ	20,211	Ψ	-	Ψ	20,211
Payments received		(47,937)		-		(47,937)		(6,809)		-		(6,809)		(6,458)		-		(6,458)
Loan charge-offs		(23,972)		-		(23,972)		(10,456)		-		(10,456)		(11,722)		-		(11,722)
Foreclosures		(9,433)		9,433		-		(6,288)		6,288		-		(7,138)		7,138		-
Capitalized costs		-		55		55		-		54		54		-		201		201
Property sales		-		(17,972)		(17,972)				(6,726)		(6,726)		-		(12,845)		(12,845)
Write downs		-		(1,369)		(1,369)		-		(1,041)		(1,041)		-		(1,438)		(1,438)
Net losses on sales		-		(2,945)		(2,945)				(1,011)		(105)		-		(1,750)		(1,750)
Ending Balance	\$	27,864	\$	3,936	\$	31,800	\$	96,006	\$	16,734	\$	112,740	\$	109,894	\$	18,264	\$	128,158
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		Second Qu	arter 2013			First Quar	ter 2013		Fourth Qua	arter 2012	
(in thousands)	Net Charge-Offs		Net Charg Offs to Average Loans <sup>(2)</sup>	:	Cha	Net rge-Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans <sup>(2)</sup>	Cha	Net irge-Offs	Net Cha Offs Avera Loans	to ige
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY C	ATEGO	RY									
Owner occupied CRE	\$	16,545	5.85 9	%	\$	1,922	.69 %	\$	4,997	1.76	%
Income producing CRE		8,921	5.45			3,321	1.99		1,153	.67	
Commercial & industrial		15,576	13.91			1,501	1.34		135	.12	
Commercial construction		6,295	17.53			(4)	(.01)		1,688	4.25	
Total commercial		47,337	7.96			6,740	1.14		7,973	1.30	
Residential mortgage		5,469	2.52			1,635	.79		3,254	1.55	
Home equity lines of credit		1,040	1.04			512	.53		445	.49	
Residential construction		18,506	20.91			2,973	3.22		2,435	2.52	
Consumer installment		56	.10			524	1.35		398	1.10	
Total	\$	72,408	6.87		\$	12,384	1.21	\$	14,505	1.39	
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY M	IARKET										
North Georgia	\$	59,102	17.20 9	%	\$	4,868	1.45 %	\$	4,458	1.29	%
Atlanta MSA		9,986	3.21			3,295	1.07		3,977	1.27	
North Carolina		1,952	1.36			2,249	1.59		2,032	1.39	
Coastal Georgia		480	.49			821	.85		574	.60	
Gainesville MSA		123	.19			430	.67		1,331	2.04	
East Tennessee		711	1.01			679	.98		2,117	2.98	
South Carolina		-	-			-	-		-	-	
Other <sup>(3)</sup>		54	.24			42	.39		16	.19	
Total	\$	72,408	6.87		\$	12,384	1.21	\$	14,505	1.39	

(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.

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

## **Consolidated Statement of Operations** (Unaudited)

	Three Mo	nths Ended	Six Mont	ths Ended
	Jun	e 30,	Jun	e 30,
(in thousands, except per share data)	2013	2012	2013	2012
Interest revenue:				
Loans, including fees	\$ 50,728	\$ 54,178	\$ 101,662	\$ 109,937
Investment securities, including tax exempt of \$210, \$262, \$422 and \$512	9,681	11,062	19,646	24,066
Deposits in banks and short-term investments	916	1,096	1,786	2,108
Total interest revenue	61,325	66,336	123,094	136,111
Interest expense:				
Deposits:				
NOW	419	503	873	1,140
Money market	534	661	1,096	1,302
Savings	36	38	72	75
Time	2,924	5,073	6,150	11,232
Total deposit interest expense	3,913	6,275	8,191	13,749
Short-term borrowings	522	904	1,038	1,949
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	30	390	49	856
Long-term debt	2,666	2,375	5,328	4,747
Total interest expense	7,131	9,944	14,606	21,301
Net interest revenue	54,194	56,392	108,488	114,810
Provision for loan losses	48,500	18,000	59,500	33,000
Net interest revenue after provision for loan losses	5,694	38,392	48,988	81,810
Fee revenue:				
Service charges and fees	7,972	7,816	15,375	15,599
Mortgage loan and other related fees	3,003	2,322	5,658	4,421
Brokerage fees	1,063	809	1,830	1,622
Securities gains, net	-	6,490	116	7,047
Loss from prepayment of debt	-	(6,199)	-	(6,681)
Other	4,274	1,629	6,159	6,238
Total fee revenue	16,312	12,867	29,138	28,246
Total revenue	22,006	51,259	78,126	110,056
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	24,734	24,297	48,326	49,522
Communications and equipment	3,468	3,211	6,514	6,366
Occupancy	3,449	3,539	6,816	7,310
Advertising and public relations	1,037	1,088	1,975	1,934
Postage, printing and supplies	894	916	1,757	1,895
Professional fees	2,499	1,952	4,865	3,927
Foreclosed property	5,151	1,851	7,484	5,676
FDIC assessments and other regulatory charges	2,505	2,545	5,010	5,055
Amortization of intangibles	491	730	1,196	1,462
Other	4,595	4,181	8,650	8,118
Total operating expenses	48,823	44,310	92,593	91,265
Net (loss) income before income taxes	(26,817)	6,949	(14,467)	18,791
Income tax (benefit) expense	(256,781)	450	(256,196)	764
Net income	229,964	6,499	241,729	18,027
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	3,055	3,032	6,107	6,062
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 226,909	\$ 3,467	\$ 235,622	\$ 11,965
Earnings per common share - basic / diluted	\$ 3.90	\$.06	\$ 4.05	\$.21
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic / diluted	58,141	۰.00 57,840	58,111	¢ .21 57,803
there average common shares outstanding - basic / unuted	50,141	57,040	50,111	57,005

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

	June 30,	December 31,	June 30,
(in thousands, except share and per share data)	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>
ASSETS	(unaudited)	(audited)	(audited)
Cash and due from banks	\$ 62,564	\$ 66,536	\$ 50,596
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	<sup>‡</sup> 02,304 141,016	124,613	133,857
Short-term investments	57,000	60,000	120,000
Cash and cash equivalents	260,580	251,149	304,453
Securities available for sale	1,937,264	1,834,593	1,701,583
Securities held to maturity (fair value \$226,695, \$261,131 and \$299,971)	214,947	244,184	282,750
Mortgage loans held for sale	19,150	28,821	18,645
Loans, net of unearned income	4,189,368	4,175,008	4,119,235
Less allowance for loan losses	(81,845)	(107,137)	(112,705
Loans, net	4,107,523	4,067,871	4,006,530
Assets covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC	35,675	47,467	65,914
Premises and equipment, net	167,197	168,920	172,200
Bank owned life insurance	82,276	81,867	81,265
Accrued interest receivable	19,279	18,659	20,151
Goodwill and other intangible assets	4,315	5,510	6,965
Foreclosed property	3,936	18,264	30,421
Net deferred tax asset	272,287		50,12
Other assets	38,206	34,954	46,229
Total assets	\$ 7,162,635	\$ 6,802,259	\$ 6,737,100
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	φ 7,102,055	\$ 0,802,237	\$ 0,757,100
Liabilities:			
Deposits: Demand	\$ 1,349,804	\$ 1,252,605	\$ 1,150,444
NOW	\$ 1,349,804 1,225,664	\$ 1,252,005 1,316,453	<sup>3</sup> 1,130,444 1,196,507
	1,167,889	1,149,912	1,190,307
Money market Savings	247,821	227,308	219,077
Time:	247,021	227,308	219,077
Less than \$100,000	982,009	1,055,271	1,164,451
Greater than \$100,000	664,112	705,558	764,343
Brokered	374,530	245,033	210,506
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Total deposits	6,011,829	5,952,140	5,822,467 53,656
Short-term borrowings	54,163	52,574	,
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	70,125	40,125	125,125
Long-term debt	124,845	124,805	120,265
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	72,370	51,210	39,598
Total liabilities	6,333,332	6,220,854	6,161,111
Shareholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized;	217	017	217
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	179,323	178,557	177,814
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;	12.256	40,404	41.705
43,356,492, 42,423,870 and 41,726,509 shares issued and outstanding	43,356	42,424	41,727
Common stock, non-voting, \$1 par value; 30,000,000 shares authorized;		15 015	1.5.01
14,474,810, 15,316,794 and 15,914,209 shares issued and outstanding	14,475	15,317	15,914
Common stock issuable; 271,215, 133,238 and 94,657 shares	4,705	3,119	2,893
Capital surplus	1,057,931	1,057,951	1,056,819
Accumulated deficit	(473,531)	(709,153)	(718,896
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13,786)	(23,640)	(17,106
Total shareholders' equity	829,303	581,405	575,995
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 7,162,635	\$ 6,802,259	\$ 6,737,106

### Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis

For the Three Months Ended June 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 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$ 4,253,361	\$ 50,806	4.79 %	\$ 4,155,619	\$ 54,296	5.25 %
Taxable securities <sup>(3)</sup>	2,139,221	9,471	1.77	2,121,053	10,800	2.04
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	21,597	344	6.37	24,242	429	7.08
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets	193,370	1,072	2.22	364,099	1,255	1.38
Total interest-earning assets	6,607,549	61,693	3.74	6,665,013	66,780	4.03
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Allowance for loan losses	(106,417)			(115,955)		
Cash and due from banks	63,457			51,907		
Premises and equipment	168,272			173,792		
Other assets <sup>(3)</sup>	181,987			218,347		
Total assets	\$ 6,914,848			\$ 6,993,104		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity: Interest-bearing liabilities: Interest-bearing deposits: NOW Money market	\$ 1,245,301 1,306,522	419 534	.13 .16	\$ 1,279,686 1,132,548	503 661	.16 .23
Savings	245,211	36	.06	216,175	38	.07
Time less than \$100,000	1,000,511	1,568	.63	1,183,845	2,520	.86
Time greater than \$100,000	674,200	1,380	.82	778,477	2,063	1.07
Brokered time deposits	195,182	(24)	(.05)	150,449	490	1.31
Total interest-bearing deposits	4,666,927	3,913	.34	4,741,180	6,275	.53
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings	72,139	522	2.90	97,134	904	3.74
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	58,916	30	.20	278,971	390	.56
Long-term debt	124,838	2,666	8.57	120,256	2,375	7.94
Total borrowed funds	255,893	3,218	5.04	496,361	3,669	2.97
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b> Non-interest-bearing liabilities:	4,922,820	7,131	.58	5,237,541	9,944	.76
Non-interest-bearing deposits	1,315,812			1,112,128		
Other liabilities	40,603			60,726		
Total liabilities	6,279,235			6,410,395		
Shareholders' equity	635,613			582,709		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 6,914,848			\$ 6,993,104		
Net interest revenue		\$ 54,562			\$ 56,836	
Net interest-rate spread			3.16 %			3.27 %
Net interest margin <sup>(4)</sup>		=	3.31 %		-	3.43 %

(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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

<sup>(3)</sup> Securities available for sale are shown at amortized cost. Pretax unrealized gains of \$17.7 million in 2013 and \$25.7 million in 2012 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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 Six Months Ended June 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 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$ 4,225,215	\$101,805	4.86 %	\$ 4,162,030	\$110,138	5.32 %
Taxable securities <sup>(3)</sup>	2,129,208	19,224	1.81	2,124,422	23,554	2.22
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	21,665	691	6.38	24,840	839	6.76
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets	201,478	2,107	2.09	371,044	2,470	1.33
Total interest-earning assets	6,577,566	123,827	3.79	6,682,336	137,001	4.12
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Allowance for loan losses	(108,667)			(116,879)		
Cash and due from banks	63,873			53,286		
Premises and equipment	168,773			174,321		
Other assets <sup>(3)</sup>	173,168			226,013		
Total assets	\$ 6,874,713			\$ 7,019,077		
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:</b> Interest-bearing liabilities: Interest-bearing deposits:						
NOW	\$ 1,274,144	873	.14	\$ 1,368,900	1,140	.17
Money market	1,282,101	1,096	.17	1,101,103	1,302	.24
Savings	239,691	72	.06	210,789	75	.07
Time less than \$100,000	1,020,000	3,317	.66	1,227,599	5,546	.91
Time greater than \$100,000 Brokered time deposits	684,320 185,210	2,857	.84 (.03)	799,821 155,892	4,478 1,208	1.13 1.56
Total interest-bearing deposits	4,685,466	(24) 8,191	.35	4,864,104	13,749	.57
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings	72,148	1,038	2.90	99,696	1,949	3.93
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	46,064	49	.21	208,672	856	.82
Long-term debt	124,827	5,328	8.61	120,246	4,747	7.94
Total borrowed funds	243,039	6,415	5.32	428,614	7,552	3.54
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities</b> Non-interest-bearing liabilities:	4,928,505	14,606	.60	5,292,718	21,301	.81
Non-interest-bearing deposits	1,278,875			1,076,358		
Other liabilities	55,639			70,330		
Total liabilities	6,263,019			6,439,406		
Shareholders' equity	611,694			579,671		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 6,874,713			\$ 7,019,077		
Net interest revenue		\$109,221			\$115,700	
Net interest-rate spread			3.19 %			3.31 %
Net interest margin <sup>(4)</sup>		=	3.34 %		=	3.48 %

(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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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 \$17.4 million in 2013 and \$24.7 million in 2012 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

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