

## United Community Banks, Inc. to Participate in Guggenheim Securities Financial Services Conference

BLAIRSVILLE, GA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 02/16/12 -- United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) announced that they will participate in the Guggenheim Securities Financial Services One on One Conference which will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, in New York, New York.

Jimmy Tallent, president and chief executive officer of United Community Banks, together with executive vice presidents Rex Schuette, United's chief financial officer, and David Shearrow, United's chief risk officer, will discuss the Company's business strategy and financial performance.

About United Community Banks, Inc.

Headquartered in Blairsville, United Community Banks is the third-largest bank holding company in Georgia. United Community Banks has assets of \$7.0 billion and operates 27 community banks with 106 banking offices located throughout north Georgia, the Atlanta region, coastal Georgia, western North Carolina and east Tennessee. The Company specializes in providing personalized community banking services to individuals and small to mid-size businesses. United Community Banks also offers the convenience of 24-hour access through a network of ATMs, telephone and on-line banking. United Community Banks common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol UCBI. Additional information may be found at the Company's web site at <a href="https://www.ucbi.com">www.ucbi.com</a>.

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