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### United Community Banks, Inc. Reports Earnings of \$17.6 Million for Third Quarter 2014, up 38 Percent From a Year Ago

BLAIRSVILLE, GA -- (Marketwired) -- 10/23/14 -- United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI)

- Earnings are 29 cents per diluted share, up 7 percent from second quarter and 38 percent from a year ago
- Loans up \$159 million, or 14 percent annualized
- Net interest margin increases 11 basis points from second quarter
- Core transaction deposits up \$90 million, or 10 percent annualized

United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) ("United") today reported net income of \$17.6 million, or 29 cents per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2014. Earnings per share were up 7 percent from the second quarter, reflecting strong loan growth, a widening net interest margin, and growth in fee revenue. For the first nine months of 2014, United reported net income of \$49.4 million, or 81 cents per diluted share.

"By all measures, we had an exceptional third quarter," said Jimmy Tallent, president and chief executive officer. "Strong loan growth and an expanding net interest margin increased net interest revenue by \$2 million over the second quarter. Our return on assets rose to 95 basis points, seven basis points higher than the second quarter, and close to our goal of 1 percent. Also, our return on equity was 9.4 percent, up 200 basis points from a year ago.

"Third quarter net loan growth of \$159 million was driven by strong production across all of our markets," stated Tallent. "Our strongest area, specialized lending, increased \$132 million. This category includes health care, corporate, SBA, asset-based and commercial real estate lending. We also saw solid growth in our Coastal Georgia and Tennessee markets."

Third quarter taxable equivalent net interest revenue totaled \$57.0 million, up \$2.0 million from the second quarter and up \$2.7 million from the third quarter of 2013. The taxable equivalent net interest margin was 3.32 percent, up 11 basis points from the second quarter and six basis points from a year ago.

"Preserving our net interest margin and growing net interest revenue, while minimizing exposure to changes in interest rates, have been top priorities for growing earnings per share," said Tallent. "Our third quarter results confirm that we are on the right path. We remain sharply focused on growing loans and core deposits to increase net interest revenue, while expanding products to grow fee revenue. Second quarter balance sheet management activities, which included restructuring the securities portfolio, interest rate hedges and wholesale borrowings, contributed to the widening net interest margin and growth in net interest revenue. We expect our margin to stabilize at the current level into the fourth quarter and 2015. We are seeing the results of these efforts positively impact our earnings growth."

The third quarter provision for credit losses was \$2.0 million, down \$200,000 from the second quarter and down \$1.0 million from the third quarter of 2013. Third quarter net charge-offs were \$3.16 million, compared with \$4.18 million in the second quarter and \$4.47 million a year ago. Nonperforming assets at quarter-end were \$21.9 million, down 8 percent from the second quarter and 28 percent from a year ago. Nonperforming assets at quarter-end represented .29 percent of total assets, compared to .32 percent last quarter and .42 percent a year ago.

Third quarter fee revenue totaled \$14.4 million, up \$269,000 from the second quarter and \$187,000 from the third quarter of 2013. Most of the increase from both prior periods resulted from our growing SBA lending business and related gains on the sales of SBA loans. In the third quarter of 2014, we generated gains on these sales of \$945,000 compared with \$744,000 in the second quarter. There were no gains from the sale of SBA loans in the third quarter of 2013.

Service charges and fees dipped slightly from both the second quarter and a year ago, mostly due to lower debit card interchange fees. Overdraft fees were also down from the third quarter of 2013. Mortgage fees were up \$301,000 from the second quarter, but down \$376,000 from a year ago, the decrease reflecting slower mortgage refinancing activity. Closed mortgage loans totaled \$84.2 million in the third quarter compared with \$68.5 million in the second quarter and \$76.6 million in the third quarter of 2013.

Operating expenses were \$41.4 million in the third quarter compared to \$40.5 million in the second quarter and \$40.1 million a year ago. The increase from both prior periods is mostly due to higher staff and incentive costs. Third quarter compensation expense reflects the full cost of additional personnel added through the acquisition of Business Carolina, Inc., which occurred

late in the second quarter, as well as staff added for our new vertical SBA business. Occupancy expense was up from the second quarter and a year ago due to higher utilities and maintenance charges, including lease costs for new locations.

Offsetting these increases was a reduction in the deposit insurance assessment rate due to improvement in our credit measures. Additionally, advertising costs were down \$245,000 due to one-time branding costs in the second quarter, and other expenses decreased \$537,000 primarily due to \$486,000 in branch closure and loss share asset costs that were written off last quarter.

"Our operating efficiency ratio improved to 57.96 percent in the third quarter, compared to 58.65 percent in the second quarter," Tallent said. "We continue to focus on growing revenue while controlling costs."

On September 30, 2014, capital ratios were as follows: Tier 1 Risk-Based of 12.1 percent; Total Risk-Based of 13.3 percent; Tier 1 Common Risk-Based of 11.0 percent; and Tier 1 Leverage of 8.7 percent.

"We are beginning to see meaningful improvement in our financial results, reflecting the successes of our strategic growth initiatives," Tallent said. "Our focus on expanding the net interest margin and growing loans, deposits and fee revenue is driving earnings growth. In the third quarter, we saw a return of strong loan growth and meaningful margin expansion despite the ongoing challenging economic environment. Strategic investments in people and new businesses are driving our growth. We will continue investing in our future by hiring top talent to grow our business. As our third quarter results demonstrate, we are on the right track."

#### Conference Call

United will hold a conference call today, Thursday, October 23, 2014, 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 16941301. 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 <a href="https://www.ucbi.com">www.ucbi.com</a>.

### About United Community Banks, Inc.

United Community Banks, Inc. (UCBI) is a bank holding company based in Blairsville, Georgia, with \$7.5 billion in assets. The company's banking subsidiary, United Community Bank, is one of the Southeast's largest full-service banks, operating 103 offices in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The bank specializes in personalized community banking services for individuals, small businesses and corporations. A full range of consumer and commercial banking services includes mortgage, advisory, treasury management and other products. National survey organizations consistently recognize United Community Bank for outstanding customer service. Additional information about the company and the bank's full range of products and services can be found at <a href="https://www.ucbi.com">www.ucbi.com</a>.

#### 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 2013 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.

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Selected Financial Information

	2014						20	Third Quarter	
(in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)	 Third Quarter		Second Quarter		First Juarter	_	Fourth Quarter	 Third Quarter	2014-2013 Change
INCOME SUMMARY									
Interest revenue	\$ 63,338	\$	61,783	\$	60,495	\$	61,695	\$ 61,426	
Interest expense	6,371		6,833		6,326		5,816	7,169	
Net interest revenue	 56,967		54,950		54,169		55,879	 54,257	5%
Provision for credit losses	2,000		2,200		2,500		3,000	3,000	
Fee revenue	14,412		14,143		12,176		13,519	14,225	1
Total revenue	 69,379		66,893		63,845		66,398	65,482	
Operating expenses	41,364		40,532		39,050		41,614	40,097	3
Income before income taxes	 28,015		26,361		24,795		24,784	25,385	10

Income tax expense (benefit)  Net income  Preferred dividends and discount accretion	_	10,399 17,616	_	10,004 16,357		9,395 15,400 439		8,873 15,911 2,912	_	9,885 15,500 3,059	14
Net income available to common shareholders	\$	17,616	\$	16,357	\$	14,961	\$	12,999	\$	12,441	42
PERFORMANCE MEASURES Per common share:											
Diluted income Book value	\$	.29 12.15	\$	.27 11.94	\$	.25 11.66	\$	.22 11.30	\$	.21 10.99	38 11
Tangible book value <sup>(2)</sup>		12.10		11.91		11.63		11.26		10.95	11
Key performance ratios:  Return on common equity (1) (3)		0.440	,	0.000	,	0.040	,	7.500	,	7.000/	
Return on assets <sup>(3)</sup>		9.41%	O	8.99% .88	0	8.64% .85	0	7.52%	0	7.38%	
Net interest margin <sup>(3)</sup> Efficiency ratio Equity to assets		.95 3.32 57.96 9.85		3.21 58.65 9.61		3.21 59.05 9.52		.86 3.26 60.02 11.62		.86 3.26 58.55 11.80	
Tangible equity to assets <sup>(2)</sup> Tangible common equity to		9.83		9.58		9.50		11.59		11.76	
assets <sup>(2)</sup> Tangible common equity to		9.83		9.58		9.22		8.99		9.02	
risk-weighted assets (2)		14.10		13.92		13.63		13.18		13.34	
ASSET QUALITY * Non-performing loans Foreclosed properties Total non-performing assets	\$	18,745 3,146	\$	20,724 2,969	\$	25,250 5,594	\$	26,819 4,221	\$	26,088 4,467	
(NPAs) Allowance for loan losses Net charge-offs Allowance for loan losses to		21,891 71,928 3,155		23,693 73,248 4,175		30,844 75,223 4,039		31,040 76,762 4,445		30,555 80,372 4,473	
loans Net charge-offs to average loans		1.57%	ó	1.66%	, 0	1.73%	0	1.77%	, 0	1.88%	
(3) NPAs to loans and foreclosed		.28		.38		.38		.41		.42	
properties NPAs to total assets		.48 .29		.54 .32		.71 .42		.72 .42		.72 .42	
AVERAGE BALANCES (\$ in millions)											
Loans Investment securities Earning assets Total assets Deposits Shareholders' equity Common shares - basic	\$	4,446 2,231 6,820 7,374 6,143 726	\$	4,376 2,326 6,861 7,418 6,187 713	\$	4,356 2,320 6,827 7,384 6,197 703	\$	4,315 2,280 6,823 7,370 6,190 856	\$	4,250 2,178 6,615 7,170 5,987 846	5 2 3 3 3 (14)
(thousands) Common shares - diluted		60,776		60,712		60,059		59,923		59,100	
(thousands)		60,779		60,714		60,061		59,925		59,202	
AT PERIOD END (\$ in millions) Loans * Investment securities Total assets Deposits Shareholders' equity Common shares outstanding (thousands)	\$	4,569 2,222 7,526 6,241 736 60,248	\$	4,410 2,190 7,352 6,164 722 60,139	\$	4,356 2,302 7,398 6,248 704 60,092	\$	4,329 2,312 7,425 6,202 796 59,432	\$	4,267 2,169 7,243 6,113 852 59,412	7 2 4 2 (14)
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<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.

## UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Selected Financial Information

		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)		2014		2013	2014-2013 Change			
INCOME SUMMARY								
Interest revenue	\$	185,616	\$	185,628				
Interest expense		19,530		21,866				
Net interest revenue		166,086		163,762	1%			
Provision for credit losses		6,700		62,500				
Fee revenue		40,731		43,079	(5)			
Total revenue		200,117		144,341				
Operating expenses		120,946		132,690	(9)			
Income before income taxes		79,171		11,651				
Income tax expense (benefit)		29,798		(245,578)				
Net income		49,373		257,229				
Preferred dividends and discount accretion		439		9,166				
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$</u>	48,934	\$	248,063				
PERFORMANCE MEASURES								
Per common share:								
Diluted income	\$	.81	\$	4.24				
Book value		12.15		10.99	11			
Tangible book value <sup>(2)</sup>		12.10		10.95	11			
Key performance ratios:								
Return on common equity <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		9.02%	<b>'</b>	64.29%				
Return on assets <sup>(3)</sup>		.89	•	4.93				
Net interest margin <sup>(3)</sup>		3.25		3.32				
Efficiency ratio		58.54		64.19				
Equity to assets		9.66		9.91				
Tangible equity to assets <sup>(2)</sup>		9.64		9.85				
Tangible common equity to assets <sup>(2)</sup>		9.55		7.04				
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets <sup>(2)</sup>		14.10		13.34				
ASSET QUALITY *								
Non-performing loans	\$	18,745	\$	26,088				
Foreclosed properties		3,146		4,467				
Total non-performing assets (NPAs)		21,891		30,555				
Allowance for loan losses		71,928		80,372				
Net charge-offs		11,369		89,265				
Allowance for loan losses to loans		1.57%	0	1.88%				
Net charge-offs to average loans (3)		.35		2.84				
NPAs to loans and foreclosed properties		.48		.72				
NPAs to total assets		.29		.42				
AVERAGE BALANCES (\$ in millions)								
Loans	\$	4,393	\$	4,234	4			
Investment securities		2,292		2,160	6			
Earning assets		6,836		6,590	4			

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes loans and foreclosed properties covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC.

Total assets	7,392	6,974	6
Deposits	6,176	5,972	3
Shareholders' equity	714	691	3
Common shares - basic (thousands)	60,511	58,443	
Common shares - diluted (thousands)	60,513	58,444	
AT PERIOD END (\$ in millions)			
Loans *	\$ 4,569	\$ 4,267	7
Investment securities	2,222	2,169	2
Total assets	7,526	7,243	4
Deposits	6,241	6,113	2
Shareholders' equity	736	852	(14)
Common shares outstanding (thousands)	60,248	59,412	

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

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

		2014		20	13
(in thousands, except per share data; taxable	Third	Second	First	Fourth	Third
equivalent)	Quarter_	_Quarter_	_Quarter_	_Quarter_	_Quarter_
Interest revenue reconciliation					
Interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$ 63,338	\$ 61,783	\$ 60,495	\$ 61,695	\$ 61,426
Taxable equivalent adjustment	(405)	(377)	(357)	(380)	(370)
Interest revenue (GAAP)	<u>\$ 62,933</u>	<u>\$ 61,406</u>	<u>\$ 60,138</u>	<u>\$ 61,315</u>	<u>\$ 61,056</u>
Net interest revenue reconciliation					
Net interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$ 56,967	\$ 54,950	\$ 54,169	\$ 55,879	\$ 54,257
Taxable equivalent adjustment	(405)	(377)	(357)	(380)	(370)
Net interest revenue (GAAP)	\$ 56,562	\$ 54,573	\$ 53,812	\$ 55,499	\$ 53,887
Total revenue reconciliation					
Total operating revenue	\$ 69,379	\$ 66,893	\$ 63,845	\$ 66,398	\$ 65,482
Taxable equivalent adjustment	(405)	(377)	(357)	(380)	(370)
Total revenue (GAAP)	\$ 68,974	\$ 66,516	\$ 63,488	\$ 66,018	\$ 65,112
Income before taxes reconciliation					
Income before taxes	\$ 28,015	\$ 26,361	\$ 24,795	\$ 24,784	\$ 25,385
Taxable equivalent adjustment	(405)	(377)	(357)	(380)	(370)
Income before taxes (GAAP)	\$ 27,610	\$ 25,984	\$ 24,438	\$ 24,404	\$ 25,015
Income tax expense (benefit) reconciliation					
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 10,399	\$ 10,004	\$ 9,395	\$ 8,873	\$ 9,885
Taxable equivalent adjustment	(405)	(377)	(357)	(380)	(370)
Income tax expense (benefit) (GAAP)	\$ 9,994	\$ 9,627	\$ 9,038	\$ 8,493	\$ 9,515
Book value per common share reconciliation					
Tangible book value per common share	\$ 12.10	\$ 11.91	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.26	\$ 10.95
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles	.05	.03	.03	.04	.04
Book value per common share (GAAP)	\$ 12.15	\$ 11.94	\$ 11.66	\$ 11.30	\$ 10.99
Average equity to assets reconciliation					
Tangible common equity to assets					

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes loans and foreclosed properties covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC.

Effect of preferred equity		_	.28	2.60	2.74
Tangible equity to assets	9.83	9.58	9.50	11.59	11.76
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles	.02	.03	.02	.03	.04
Equity to assets (GAAP)	9.85%	9.61 <sub>%</sub>	9.52%	11.62 <sub>%</sub>	11.80%
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets reconciliation					
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets	14.10%	13.92%	13.63%	13.18%	13.34%
Effect of other comprehensive income	.34	.53	.36	.39	.49
Effect of deferred tax limitation	(3.39)	(3.74)	(3.92)	(4.26)	(4.72)
Effect of trust preferred	1.02	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.09
Effect of preferred equity	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	2.39	4.01
Tier I capital ratio (Regulatory)	12.07%	11.75 <sub>%</sub>	11.10%	12.74%	14.21%

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

			For the Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)		1011110	2013						
Interest revenue reconciliation		2014							
Interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$	185,616	\$	185,628					
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(1,139)		(1,103)					
Interest revenue (GAAP)	\$	184,477	\$	184,525					
Net interest revenue reconciliation									
Net interest revenue - taxable equivalent	\$	166,086	\$	163,762					
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(1,139)		(1,103)					
Net interest revenue (GAAP)	<u>\$</u>	164,947	\$	162,659					
Total revenue reconciliation									
Total operating revenue	\$	200,117	\$	144,341					
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(1,139)		(1,103)					
Total revenue (GAAP)	\$	198,978	\$	143,238					
Income before taxes reconciliation									
Income before taxes	\$	79,171	\$	11,651					
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(1,139)		(1,103)					
Income before taxes (GAAP)	<u>\$</u>	78,032	\$	10,548					
Income tax expense (benefit) reconciliation									
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$	29,798	\$	(245,578)					
Taxable equivalent adjustment		(1,139)		(1,103)					
Income tax expense (benefit) (GAAP)	\$	28,659	\$	(246,681)					
Book value per common share reconciliation									
Tangible book value per common share	\$	12.10	\$	10.95					
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		.05		.04					
Book value per common share (GAAP)	<u>\$</u>	12.15	\$	10.99					
Average equity to assets reconciliation									
Tangible common equity to assets		9.55%	)	7.04%					
Effect of preferred equity		.09		2.81					
Tangible equity to assets		9.64		9.85					
Effect of goodwill and other intangibles		.02		.06					
Equity to assets (GAAP)		9.66%	·	9.91%					
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets reconciliation									
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets		14.10%	)	13.34%					

Effect of other comprehensive income	.34	.49
Effect of deferred tax limitation	(3.39)	(4.72)
Effect of trust preferred	1.02	1.09
Effect of preferred equity	<del>_</del>	4.01
Tier I capital ratio (Regulatory)	<u>12.07</u> %	14.21%

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights

Loan Portfolio Composition at Period-End (1)

	2014								2013			
		Third		Second		First		Fourth		Third		
(in millions)	Q	uarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		
LOANS BY CATEGORY												
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$	1,153	\$	1,163	\$	1,142	\$	1,134	\$	1,129		
Income producing commercial RE		605		598		624		623		614		
Commercial & industrial		650		554		495		472		457		
Commercial construction		181		160	_	148		149	_	137		
Total commercial		2,589		2,475		2,409		2,378		2,337		
Residential mortgage		866		861		866		875		888		
Home equity lines of credit		459		451		447		441		421		
Residential construction		307		302		318		328		318		
Consumer installment		348		321	_	316		307	_	303		
Total loans	\$	4,569	\$	4,410	\$	4,356	\$	4,329	\$	4,267		
LOANS BY MARKET												
North Georgia	\$	1,168	\$	1,175	\$	1,205	\$	1,240	\$	1,262		
Atlanta MSA		1,289		1,305		1,290		1,275		1,246		
North Carolina		553		555		563		572		575		
Coastal Georgia		444		426		425		423		421		
Gainesville MSA		254		257		262		255		253		
East Tennessee		281		270		272		280		277		
South Carolina / Corporate		337		206		131		88		47		
Other (2)		243		216		208		196		186		
Total loans	\$	4,569	\$	4,410	\$		\$	4,329	\$	4,267		
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION												
Dirt loans												
Acquisition & development	\$	36	\$	34	\$	37	\$	39	\$	40		
Land loans	*	35	*	36	*	37	*	38	*	35		
Lot loans		146		151		159		166		167		
Total		217		221	_	233		243		242		
House loans												
Spec		18		19		19		23		30		
Sold		72		62		66		62		46		
Total		90		81	-	85	_	85	_	76		
Total residential construction	\$	307	\$	302	\$		\$	328	\$	318		

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes total loans of \$2.8 million, \$3.1 million, \$19.3 million, \$20.3 million and \$23.3 million as of September 30, 2014, June 30, 2014, March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013, 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 Loan Portfolio Composition at Period-End (1)

		2	201	4		2013	Linked	Year over	
(in millions)		Third uarter		Second Quarter	Third Quarter		Quarter Change	Year Change	
LOANS BY CATEGORY									
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$	1,153	\$	1,163	\$	1,129	\$ (10)	\$ 24	
Income producing commercial RE	·	605	-	598	•	614	` 7	(9)	
Commercial & industrial		650		554		457	96	193	
Commercial construction		181		160		137	21	44	
Total commercial		2,589		2,475		2,337	114	252	
Residential mortgage		866		861		888	5	(22)	
Home equity lines of credit		459		451		421	8	`38 <sup>°</sup>	
Residential construction		307		302		318	5	(11)	
Consumer installment		348		321		303	27	45	
Total loans	\$	4,569	\$	4,410	\$	4,267	159	302	
LOANS BY MARKET									
North Georgia	\$	1,168	\$	1,175	\$	1,262	(7)	(94)	
Atlanta MSA		1,289		1,305		1,246	(16)	43	
North Carolina		553		555		575	(2)	(22)	
Coastal Georgia		444		426		421	18	23	
Gainesville MSA		254		257		253	(3)	1	
East Tennessee		281		270		277	11	4	
South Carolina / Corporate		337		206		47	131	290	
Other <sup>(2)</sup>		243		216		186	27	57	
Total loans	\$	4,569	\$	4,410	\$	4,267	159	302	
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION									
Dirt loans									
Acquisition & development	\$	36	\$	34	\$	40	2	(4)	
Land loans	·	35	-	36	•	35	(1)	-	
Lot loans		146		151		167	(5)	(21)	
Total		217		221		242	(4)	(25)	
House loans									
Spec		18		19		30	(1)	(12)	
Sold		72		62		46	10	26	
Total		90		81		76	9	14	
Total residential construction	\$	307	\$	302	\$	318	5	(11)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> Excludes total loans of \$2.8 million, \$3.1 million, \$19.3 million, \$20.3 million and \$23.3 million as of September 30, 2014, June 30, 2014, March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2013, 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 (1)

	Third Quarter 2014									
(in thousands)	Non-perfo	orming Loans	s Foreclosed Properties			Total NPAs				
NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY CATEGORY										
Owner occupied CRE	\$	2,156	\$	1,024	\$	3,180				
Income producing CRE		1,742		42		1,784				
Commercial & industrial		1,593		-		1,593				
Commercial construction		148		-		148				
Total commercial	-	5,639		1,066		6,705				
Residential mortgage		8,350		1,769		10,119				
Home equity lines of credit		720		90		810				

Residential construction Consumer installment		3,543 493		221		3,764 493
Total NPAs	\$	18,745	\$	3,146	\$	21,891
Balance as a % of Unpaid Principal		68.6%	-	54.5%	)	66.1%
NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY MARKET						
North Georgia	\$	7,392	\$	1,717	\$	9,109
Atlanta MSA		1,724		364		2,088
North Carolina		4,919		398		5,317
Coastal Georgia		781		160		941
Gainesville MSA		1,403		85		1,488
East Tennessee		1,227		245		1,472
South Carolina / Corporate		945		177		1,122
Other <sup>(3)</sup>		354		<del>-</del>		354
Total NPAs	<u>\$</u>	18,745	\$	3,146	\$	21,891
NONDEDECOMING ACCETS ACTIVITY						
NONPERFORMING ASSETS ACTIVITY	\$	20,724	\$	2.060	\$	23,693
Beginning Balance	Ф	7,665	Ф	2,969	Ф	23,693 7,665
Loans placed on non-accrual Payments received		(3,129)		_		(3,129)
Loan charge-offs		(4,353)		_		(4,353)
Foreclosures		(2,162)		2,162		(4,555)
Capitalized costs		(2,102)		209		209
Property sales		_		(2,350)		(2,350)
Write downs		_		(108)		(108)
Net gains (losses) on sales		-		264		264
Ending Balance	\$	18,745	\$	3,146	\$	21,891

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

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

			Second	l Quarter 2014		
(in thousands)	Non-pe	rforming Loans	Foreclo	sed Properties		Total NPAs
NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY CATEGORY				•		
Owner occupied CRE	\$	2,975	\$	653	\$	3,628
Income producing CRE		1,032		242		1,274
Commercial & industrial		1,102		-		1,102
Commercial construction		95		-		95
Total commercial		5,204		895		6,099
Residential mortgage		10,201		1,426		11,627
Home equity lines of credit		510		128		638
Residential construction		4,248		520		4,768
Consumer installment		561		-		561
Total NPAs	\$	20,724	\$	2,969	\$	23,693
Balance as a % of Unpaid Principal		66.5%		.4%	,	3.9%
NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY MARKET						
North Georgia	\$	8,216	\$	1,392	\$	9,608
Atlanta MSA		3,883		510		4,393
North Carolina		5,314		615		5,929
Coastal Georgia		782		80		862
Gainesville MŠA		921		49		970
East Tennessee		1,218		323		1,541

<sup>(2)</sup> Annualized.

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

South Carolina / Corporate Other <sup>(3)</sup> <i>Total NPAs</i>	\$ 390 20,724	\$ 2,969	\$ 390 23,693
NONPERFORMING ASSETS ACTIVITY			
Beginning Balance	\$ 25,250	\$ 5,594	\$ 30,844
Loans placed on non-accrual	9,529	-	9,529
Payments received	(4,027)	-	(4,027)
Loan charge-offs	(8,341)	-	(8,341)
Foreclosures	(1,687)	1,687	· -
Capitalized costs	-	-	-
Property sales	-	(4,430)	(4,430)
Write downs	-	(305)	(305)
Net gains (losses) on sales	 <u>-</u>	 423	 423
Ending Balance	\$ 20,724	\$ 2,969	\$ 23,693

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

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

			First O	uarter 2014		
(in thousands)	Non-pe	rforming Loans		ed Properties		Total NPAs
NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY CATEGORY		<u> </u>				
Owner occupied CRE	\$	3,868	\$	1,167	\$	5,035
Income producing CRE		1,278		1,645		2,923
Commercial & industrial		822		-		822
Commercial construction		479		-		479
Total commercial		6,447		2,812		9,259
Residential mortgage		13,307		2,146		15,453
Home equity lines of credit		1,106		362		1,468
Residential construction		3,805		274		4,079
Consumer installment		585		-		585
Total NPAs	\$	25,250	\$	5,594	\$	30,844
Balance as a % of U npaid Principal		65.8%	,	53.9%		63.2%
NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY MARKET						
North Georgia	\$	12,166	\$	2,058	\$	14,224
Atlanta MSA		2,916		904		3,820
North Carolina		6,501		866		7,367
Coastal Georgia		800		1,607		2,407
Gainesville MSA		1,145		-		1,145
East Tennessee		1,428		159		1,587
South Carolina / Corporate		-		-		-
Other (3)		294		-		294
Total NPAs	\$	25,250	\$	5,594	\$	30,844
NONPERFORMING ASSETS ACTIVITY						
	\$	26,819	\$	4,221	\$	31,040
Beginning Balance Loans placed on non-accrual	Ф	9,303	Ф	4,221	Ф	9,303
Payments received		(1,666)		-		(1,666)
				-		
Loan charge-offs Foreclosures		(4,839)		4 267		(4,839)
Capitalized costs		(4,367)		4,367		-
Capitalized 603t3		-		-		-

<sup>(2)</sup> Annualized.

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

Property sales	_	(3,238)	(3,238)
Write downs	-	(277)	(277)
Net gains (losses) on sales	-	521	521
Ending Balance	\$ 25,250	\$ 5,594	\$ 30,844

- (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.

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

	_	Third Qu	arter 2014		Second Q	uarter 2014	_	First Qu	arter 2014
(in thousands)	C	Net harge- Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans <sup>(2)</sup>	С	Net harge- Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans <sup>(2)</sup>	C	Net harge- Offs	Net Charge- Offs to Average Loans <sup>(2)</sup>
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY CATEGOR									
Owner occupied CRE	\$	746	.26%	\$	(1,836)	(.64)%	\$	278	.10%
Income producing CRE		104	.07		435	.29		205	.13
Commercial & industrial		(341)	(.23)		662	.52		421	.35
Commercial construction		103	.24		131	.34			-
Total commercial		612	.10		(608)	(.10)		904	.15
Residential mortgage		1,116	.52		2,509	1.17		1,515	.71
Home equity lines of credit		356	.31		466	.42		993	.90
Residential construction		712	.94		1,671	2.13		212	.27
Consumer installment		359	.43		137	.18		415	.54
Total	\$	3,155	.28	\$	4,175	.38	\$	4,039	.38
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY MARKET									
North Georgia	\$	1,861	.63%	\$	(741)	(.25)%	\$	1,272	.42%
Atlanta MSA		(250)	(80.)		1,481	`.46		1,232	.39
North Carolina		656	`.47 <sup>′</sup>		2,161	1.55		577	.41
Coastal Georgia		228	.21		116	.11		512	.49
Gainesville MŠA		259	.40		797	1.23		141	.22
East Tennessee		230	.33		288	.42		239	.35
South Carolina / Corporate		5	.01		-	-		-	-
Other <sup>(3)</sup>		166	.31		73	.14		66	.14
Total	\$	3,155	.28	\$	4,175	.38	\$	4,039	.38

- (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.

### **UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Consolidated Statement of Income** (Unaudited)

		Ended 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
(in thousands, except per share data)		2014		2013	2014	2013	
Interest revenue: Loans, including fees	\$	49,653	\$	50,162 \$	145,602	\$	151,827

Investment securities, including tax exempt of \$177,					
\$202, \$558 and \$624	12,346	9,887	36,118		29,905
Deposits in banks and short-term investments	934		2,757		2,793
Total interest revenue	62,933	61,056			184,525
Interest expense:					
Deposits:					
NOW	365	413	1,216		1,286
Money market	872		2,192		1,641
Savings	20		61		109
Time	1,721	2,630	5,510		8,871
Total deposit interest expense	2,978		8,979		11,907
Short-term borrowings	316		2,064		1,563
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	435	16	573		65
Long-term debt	2,642	3,003	7,914		8,331
Total interest expense	6,371	7,169	19,530		21,866
Net interest revenue	56,562	53,887	164,947		162,659
Provision for credit losses	2,000	3,000	6,700		62,500
Net interest revenue after provision for credit					
losses	54,562	50,887	158,247		100,159
Fac variance:					
Fee revenue: Service charges and fees	8,202	8,456	24,627		23,831
Mortgage loan and other related fees	2,178		5,409		8,212
Brokerage fees	1,209		3,631		3,104
Securities gains, net	1,203	1,217	4,663		116
Loss from prepayment of debt	-	_	(4,446)		-
Other	2,812	1,941	6,847		7,816
Total fee revenue	14,412		40,731		43,079
Total revenue	68,974	65,112	198,978		143,238
Operating expenses					
Operating expenses: Salaries and employee benefits	25,666	23,090	74,349		71,416
Communications and equipment	3,094		9,370		9,819
Occupancy	3,425		10,065		10,195
Advertising and public relations	894		2,659		2,937
Postage, printing and supplies	876		2,456		2,401
Professional fees	2,274		5,873		7,515
Foreclosed property	285		503		7,678
FDIC assessments and other regulatory charges	1,131	2,405	3,909		7,415
Amortization of intangibles	313	427	1,061		1,623
Other	3,406	3,041	10,701		11,691
Total operating expenses	41,364		120,946		132,690
Net income before income taxes	27,610				10,548
Income tax expense (benefit)	9,994				(246,681)
Net income	17,616				257,229
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion		3,059		_	9,166
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 17,616	\$ 12,441	\$ 48,934	\$	248,063
Earnings per common share:					
Basic	\$ .29	\$ .21	\$ .81	\$	4.24
Diluted	.29		.81	•	4.24
Weighted average common shares outstanding:					
Basic	60,776				58,443
Diluted	60,779	59,202	60,513		58,444

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and per share data) 2014 2013 2013		September 30,	December 31,	September 30,
	(in thousands, except share and per share data)	2014	2013	2013

Cook and due from banks	¢.	75.000	Φ	74 000	<b>c</b>	70.006
Cash and due from banks	\$	75,268	\$	71,230	\$	70,986
Interest-bearing deposits in banks		117,399		119,669		131,147
Short-term investments		23,397		37,999		62,000
Cash and cash equivalents		216,064		228,898		264,133
Securities available for sale		1,789,667		1,832,217		1,963,424
Securities held to maturity (fair value						
\$440,311, \$485,585 and \$214,651)		432,418		479,742		205,613
Mortgage loans held for sale		20,004		10,319		11,987
Loans, net of unearned income		4,568,886		4,329,266		4,267,067
Less allowance for loan losses		(71,928)		(76,762)		(80,372)
Loans, net		4,496,958		4,252,504		4,186,695
Assets covered by loss sharing agreements		1, 100,000		1,202,001		1,100,000
with the FDIC		3,253		22,882		31,207
Premises and equipment, net		160,454		163,589		165,993
Bank owned life insurance		81,101				
				80,670		80,537
Accrued interest receivable		19,908		19,598		18,199
Goodwill and other intangible assets		3,910		3,480		3,888
Foreclosed property		3,146		4,221		4,467
Net deferred tax asset		224,734		258,518		269,784
Derivative financial instruments		22,221		23,833		8,092
Other assets		52,051		44,948		29,274
Total assets	\$	7,525,889	\$	7,425,419	\$	7,243,293
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Deposits:						
Demand	\$	1,561,020	\$	1,388,512	\$	1,418,782
NOW	Ψ	1,399,449	Ψ	1,427,939	Ψ	1,279,134
Money market		1,281,526		1,227,575		1,197,495
Savings		287,797		251,125		249,044
Time:		774 004		000 004		005 000
Less than \$100,000		774,201		892,961		925,089
Greater than \$100,000		531,428		588,689		624,019
Brokered		405,308		424,704		419,344
Total deposits		6,240,729		6,201,505		6,112,907
Short-term borrowings		6,001		53,241		53,769
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		330,125		120,125		125
Long-term debt		129,865		129,865		129,865
Derivative financial instruments		36,171		46,232		37,269
Unsettled securities purchases		· -		29,562		11,610
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		46,573		49,174		45,531
Total liabilities		6,789,464		6,629,704	-	6,391,076
Shareholders' equity:		0,700,101		0,020,701		0,001,070
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000						
shares authorized;						
Series A; \$10 stated value; 0, 0 and 21,700 shares issued and outstanding						247
		-		-		217
Series B; \$1,000 stated value; 0, 105,000						
and 180,000 shares issued				405.000		470 744
and outstanding		-		105,000		179,714
Series D; \$1,000 stated value; 0, 16,613						
and 16,613 shares issued and outstanding		-		16,613		16,613
Common stock, \$1 par value; 100,000,000						
shares authorized; 50,167,191, 46,243,345						
and 45,222,839 shares issued and						
outstanding		50,167		46,243		45,223
Common stock, non-voting, \$1 par value;						
26,000,000 shares authorized; 10,080,787,						
13,188,206 and 14,189,006 shares issued and						
outstanding		10,081		13,188		14,189
Common stock issuable; 354,961, 241,832		- ,		,		,
and 242,262 shares		5,116		3,930		3,979
Capital surplus		1,091,555		1,078,676		1,077,536
Accumulated deficit		(402,773)		(448,091)		(461,090)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(402,773)		(19,844)		(24,164)
				<u> </u>		
Total shareholders' equity		736,425		795,715		852,217

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

### Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis

For the Three Months Ended September 30,

			2014					2013	3	
(dollars in thousands, toyable aguivalent)		Average Balance	,	ntoroot	Avg.		Average		Intorost	Avg.
(dollars in thousands, taxable equivalent) Assets:		Dalalice		nterest	<u>Rate</u>		Balance		nterest	Rate
Interest-earning assets:										
Loans, net of unearned income (1)(2)	\$	4,445,947	\$	49,853	4.45%	Φ.	4,249,892	\$	50,265	4.69%
Taxable securities (3)	Ψ		Ψ			Ψ		Ψ		
		2,212,116		12,169	2.20		2,157,448		9,685	1.80
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(1)(3)</sup> Federal funds sold and other interest-		18,794		290	6.17		20,913		331	6.32
earning assets		143,169		1,026	2.87		186,544		1,145	2.46
Total interest-earning assets		6,820,026		63,338	3.69	_	6,614,797		61,426	3.69
Non-interest-earning assets:		(74.446)					(02.400)			
Allowance for loan losses Cash and due from banks		(74,146)					(83,408)			
		71,224 161,315					63,890 166,906			
Premises and equipment										
Other assets (3)		395,184					407,912			
Total assets	\$	7,373,603				\$	7,170,097			
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity: Interest-bearing liabilities: Interest-bearing deposits:										
NOW .	\$	1,331,806		365	.11	\$	1,222,334		413	.13
Money market		1,387,042		872	.25		1,328,661		545	.16
Savings		282,746		20	.03		248,937		37	.06
Time less than \$100,000		791,289		876	.44		952,320		1,369	.57
Time greater than \$100,000		542,216		827	.61		644,264		1,229	.76
Brokered time deposits		278,330		18	.03		233,842		32	.05
Total interest-bearing deposits		4,613,429		2,978	.26		4,630,358		3,625	.31
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings Federal Home Loan Bank		53,713		316	2.33		67,292		525	3.10
advances		227,190		435	.76		32,082		16	.20
Long-term debt		129,865		2,642	8.07		144,601		3,003	8.24
Total borrowed funds		410,768		3,393	3.28		243,975		3,544	5.76
Total interest-bearing					0.20	_				00
liabilities		5,024,197		6,371	.50		4,874,333		7,169	.58
Non-interest-bearing liabilities: Non-interest-bearing deposits		1,530,011					1,356,792			
Other liabilities		92,986					93,247			
Total liabilities		6,647,194				_	6,324,372			
Shareholders' equity		726,409					845,725			
Total liabilities and		7 20,703					0-10,720			
shareholders' equity	\$	7,373,603				\$	7,170,097			
Net interest revenue	_	· · ·	\$	56,967		_	<u> </u>	\$	54,257	
Net interest-rate spread			<u>-</u>	,	<u>3.19</u> %			<u>*</u>	- ,	3.119
•										
Net interest margin <sup>(4)</sup>					<u>3.32</u> %					<u>3.26</u> 9

- (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 \$7.42 million in 2014 and pretax unrealized losses of \$10.6 million in 2013 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.

#### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

### Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis

For the Nine Months Ended September 30,

			201	4			2	2013	3	-
(dollars in thousands, taxable equivalent)		Average Balance		Interest	Avg. Rate		Average Balance		Interest	Avg. Rate
Assets:		_								
Interest-earning assets:										
Loans, net of unearned income (1)(2)	\$	4,392,895	\$	146,156	4.45%	\$	4,233,531	\$	152,073	4.80%
Taxable securities (3)		2,272,639		35,560	2.09		2,138,725		29,281	1.83
Tax-exempt securities (1)(3) Federal funds sold and other interest-		19,515		914	6.24		21,411		1,022	6.36
earning assets		150,782		2,986	2.64		196,445		3,252	2.21
Total interest-earning assets		6,835,831		185,616	3.63		6,590,112		185,628	3.76
Non-interest-earning assets: Allowance for loan losses Cash and due from banks Premises and equipment		(76,148) 65,744 161,843					(100,154) 63,879 168,144			
Other assets <sup>(3)</sup>		404,654					252,275			
Total assets	\$	7,391,924				\$	6,974,256			
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:	Ψ	7,391,924				Ψ	0,974,230			
Interest-bearing deposits:										
NOW	\$	1,367,713		1,216	.12	\$	1,256,684		1,286	.14
Money market		1,375,064		2,192	.21		1,297,792		1,641	.17
Savings		272,696		61	.03		242,807		109	.06
Time less than \$100,000 Time greater than \$100,000		828,694 561,167		2,822 2,610	.46 .62		997,193 670,821		4,686 4,086	.63 .81
Brokered time deposits		300,374		78	.02		201,599		99	.07
Total interest-bearing deposits		4,705,708		8,979	.26		4,666,896	_	11,907	.34
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings		91,320		2,064	3.02		70,512		1,563	2.96
Federal Home Loan Bank										
advances		169,392		573	.45		41,352		65	.21
Long-term debt		129,865		7,914	8.15		131,491		8,331	8.47
Total borrowed funds		390,577		10,551	3.61		243,355		9,959	5.47
Total interest-bearing liabilities Non-interest-bearing liabilities:		5,096,285		19,530	.51		4,910,251		21,866	.60
Non-interest-bearing deposits		1,469,967					1,305,133			
Other liabilities		111,522					68,312			
Total liabilities		6,677,774				_	6,283,696			
Shareholders' equity		714,150					690,560			
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	7,391,924				\$	6,974,256			
Net interest revenue			\$	166,086				\$	163,762	
Net interest-rate spread					3.12%					<u>3.16</u> %
Net interest margin (4)					3.25%					3.32%

- (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 \$1.59 million in 2014 and pretax unrealized gains of \$7.96 million in 2013 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.

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