

United Community Banks, Inc. | 2005 Annual Report





As the sun rises, so does opportunity. You can smell it in the crisp mountain air of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee, hear it in the early morning buzz of Metro Atlanta, and taste it in the salty air along the Georgia coast.

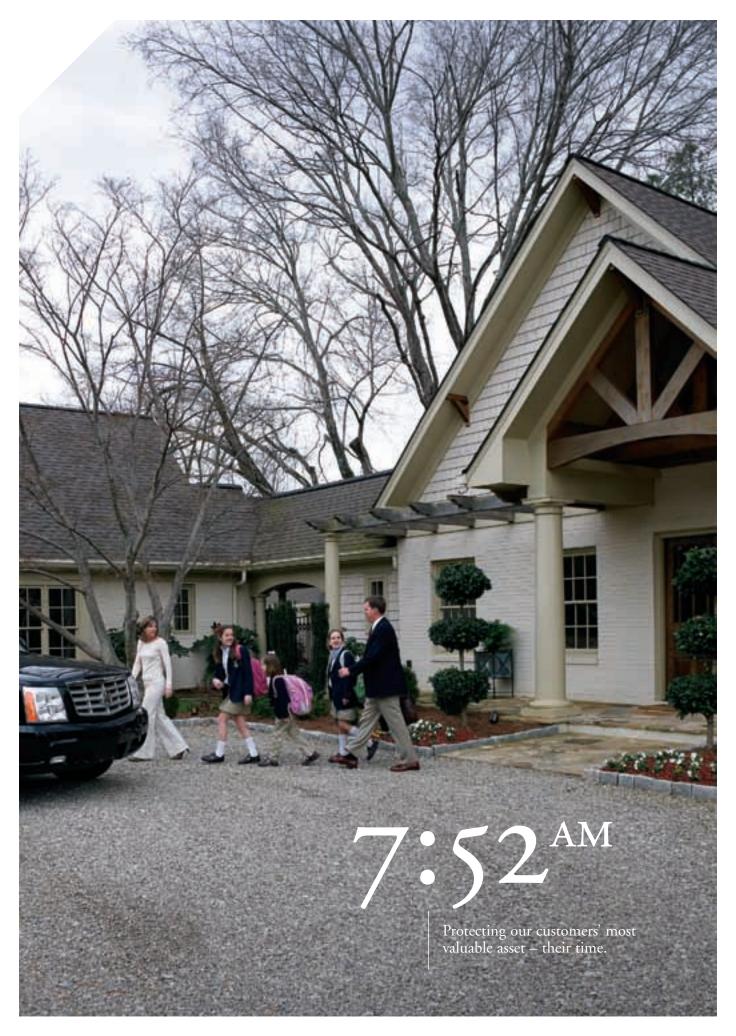
Today and every day, United Community Bank will help people realize their daily goals and their life dreams. We'll be there for businesses as they open and grow. We'll help communities become even better places to live, learn, work and play.

United bankers will live the day treating customers as we want to be treated. That is our Golden Rule of Banking; the fundamental philosophy that defines who we are and explains how we grow alongside our customers and communities.

We're excited about the day because we truly enjoy what we do. We value our customers and our communities, and we serve them with large-bank resources and small-bank values. We are as proud of our heritage and our success as we are excited about the future.

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We are The Bank That SERVICE Built and this is *another* United day.



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Taking tips on service excellence from the pros.

Mary Ann Townsend and her daughter, Angie, deliver caring service in their Country Kitchen, which Young Harris, Georgia considers its own breakfast table. And, with more than 45,000 customers, Mary Ann's regulars, the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC team, know a little something about delivering excellent service too. Who knew such different businesses would have so much in common with each other – and with us?





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Warm smiles and hot coffee welcome the day's first customers.

Donna Stovall is right at home in Cleveland, Georgia, where she was born and raised, and she makes everyone who walks through these doors feel at home too. To her they are not just customers, but life-long friends and neighbors. Why do 95% of United customers say they have recommended us to others or would if they had the opportunity? Because of caring community bankers like Donna.

As the father of three and owner of Strawn Insurance Agency in McDonough, Georgia, Rusty Strawn doesn't have a lot of spare time. So, dealing with different banks for his business and personal needs isn't an option. Fortunately, United offers every financial service he needs, from checking and money market accounts to payroll services. Even better, we go to him whenever and wherever he needs us, which allows the Strawns to maximize precious family time.

Rusty says we're going above and beyond the call of duty. We think we're just doing what a hometown bank should.



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Building long-term relationships one home and one customer at a time.

People don't bank with banks; they bank with people. Just ask Dale Bercher, President of Traton Homes, one of Atlanta's strongest and most reliable home builders. Over the years, United and Traton have completed scores of loans, earning the confidence of the families who come home to Traton every day.

United's positive, energetic attitude and resourcefulness, combined with our ability to make the loan process simple while maintaining the appropriate sense of urgency, assures Dale that he will meet his deadlines. This peace of mind has created an invaluable partnership – and an important relationship.





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Helping our customers and our communities stand tall.

Our unique brand of service helps our employees, customers and communities continually grow, all of which help United grow. Today, with \$6 billion in assets, we serve our customers as 24, \$250 million community banks. Although we continue to carefully expand our footprint, we don't aspire to be the biggest. We aspire to be the best.





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Reeling in success by enjoying what we do.

We secure our small-bank culture by placing leadership where it belongs - at the community level. Our 24 presidents average two decades in community banking, 90% of it in their markets.

When a bank empowers its leadership as decision makers and entrepreneurs, word gets around. As a result, United attracts and retains talented and achievementoriented leaders. That's why so much of our growth is internal; it is driven by local presidents who are wellknown, respected and trusted.

And while our jobs might not be quite as relaxing as fly-fishing, at the end of the day helping our customers achieve success is as rewarding as catching "the big one."



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Serving the financial needs of a thriving economy.

In 2005, United increased its Hall County presence via significant expansion. Hall County is rich in history, yet constantly evolving as one of the nation's 100 fastest-growing counties. Located just north of Atlanta on popular Lake Lanier, it is the economic nucleus of northeast Georgia. As evidence of this, in just eight months, Bank Manager, Mitch Ralston and Assistant Manager, Kelli Pirkle and the Hall County team produced \$246 million in loans and \$132 million in deposits. Now that's a thriving economy.



When employee-owned King and Prince Seafood was acquired, long-time employee, Linda Neal, wanted financial advice. In need of personal banking service from someone she could trust, Linda went to Brunswick, Georgia's most personable bank. Chad Kidwell of United Community Advisory Services helped her create a detailed financial blueprint -maximizing earnings and providing a long-range retirement plan, including the purchase of Linda's first home. It's customers like Linda who make everything we do worthwhile.

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Treating our customers like big fish in a little pond.



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Supporting our communities in ways that give new meaning to bankers' hours.

Every spring, United bankers put their versatility on display in Hiawassee, Georgia, as they take to the stage for an entertainment and musical extravaganza. When the show began in 1994, there were only about 200 people in the audience. Today, it's the most highly anticipated event for miles and our audience has grown to more than 8,000. And last year, thanks to our audience's generosity, "The Bankers Hour" raised more than \$30,000 for local charities.

Actually, United bankers donate countless volunteer "hours" and resources. During 2005, we joined millions in opening our wallets, our hearts and our homes to victims of the tsunami in southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina. We also proudly qualified as one of a select group to make the 2006 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life National Team.



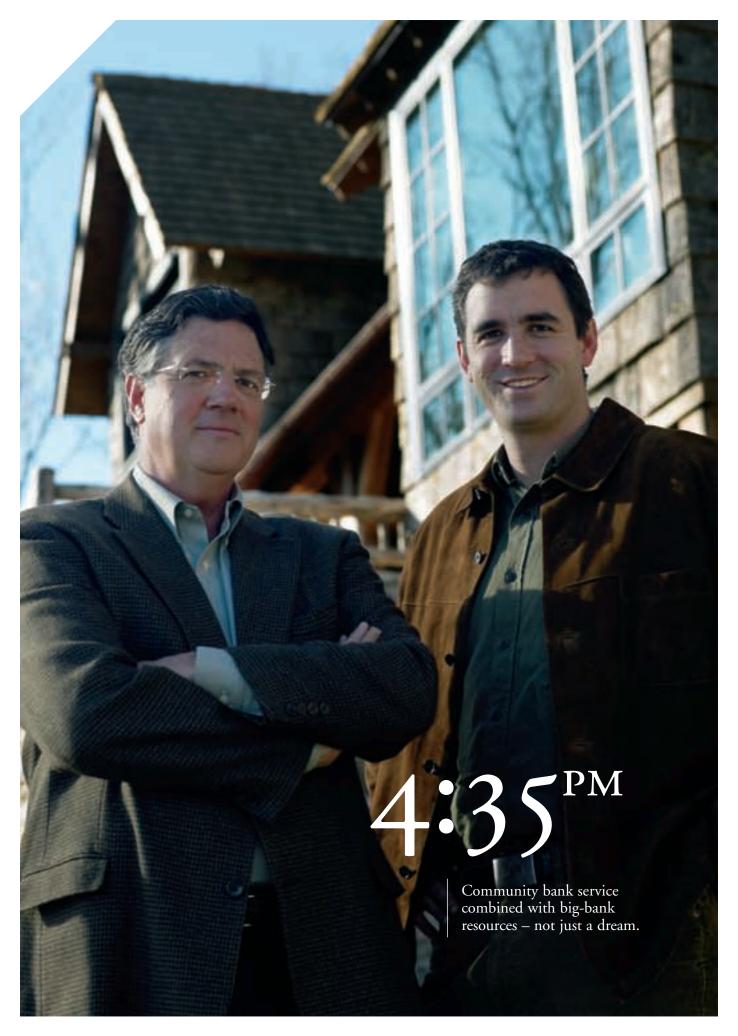






Jessica Ryder, who lives in Dahlonega, Georgia, doesn't trust her piggy bank with just anyone. When it's time to deposit her hard-earned money, she goes right to Elaina Butler, her favorite teller. They both know that saving for the future is a virtue and that every penny earned increases the value of her account. United's economically strong footprint, community-focused model and balanced growth strategy share the ultimate goal of increasing shareholder value. Although Jessica may not care today that an investment in UCBI grew at a compound annual rate of 21% over the last ten years, we expect that one day she will.





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Growing from the mountains, to the cities to the oceans – markets big and small.

United's balanced growth strategy includes internal growth, as well as expansions and selective acquisitions. Even without acquisitions, in 2005 our total loans increased by 18% and our total deposits by 22%. This success is a tribute to our bankers as well as the strength of our markets, including Savannah, Georgia's First City. The area's rich history, elegant architecture and ornate ironwork make it easy to see why Chatham is one of Georgia's most populous and one of the nation's fastest-growing counties.





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Creating a dynasty – for our customers, our employees and our shareholders.

With the help of United, McMinn Development was able to finance the construction of a business park in Athens, Tennessee. Located just off of Interstate 75, the development created growth opportunities for new businesses and employment opportunities for local residents. It is now home to Dynasty Spas, one of the nation's top ten spa manufacturers, and a United customer. And like Dynasty Spas, United is creating value for our shareholders. Over the past ten years, our annual dividend has grown at an average rate of 28%.

As the architects for HGTV's 2006
Dream Home, in Lake Lure, North
Carolina, Al and Parker Platt know
what it feels like to make dreams
come true.

As with all of Platt Architecture's

As with all of Platt Architecture's projects, creating a home that provides a living experience like no other is no simple undertaking. As a successful business, the Platts need access to bigbank resources. However, as a small business they also need the attention, responsiveness and flexibility of a hometown bank. As members of United's Brevard Advisory Board and as customers, Al and Parker can tell you that United has helped make their dreams come true.



In 2005, United provided mortgages to help purchase thousands of new homes, including Rick and Betty Blair's home in Hiawassee, Georgia.

For more than a decade, Rick and Betty called the north Georgia mountains their favorite vacation spot. Now, they call it home. Leaving the city's hustle and bustle behind, they followed their hearts and dreams and began construction on their dream home in 2001, which would also serve as a model for their new business venture, Apple Orchard Log Homes.

Having built a relationship with United for their personal financial services, Rick and Betty honored us with their commercial relationship as well. As the business took off, they purchased a warehouse and equipment and built a spec house. We've since helped other customers construct their own log home.

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Constructing homes and memories – one log and one homeowner at a time.







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We won't rest until we have exceeded every expectation.

Kenny Fair and Greg Ledford are two of United's 1,703 dedicated employees who know that life doesn't always stick to a 9 to 5 schedule. As Manager and Assistant Manager of United's Computer Operations department, they make sure customers have access to their money whenever and wherever they need it. We are customer-driven, even after our customers have long-since driven home.



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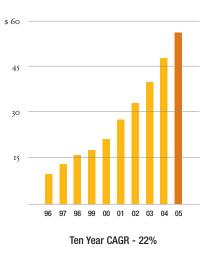


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)	2005	2004	Percentage Change	Five Year CAGR
Operating Performance*				
Total revenue	\$ 245,440	\$ 196,531	25 %	18 %
Net operating income	56,742	47,156	20	21
Operating earnings per share:				
Basic	1.47	1.31	12	16
Diluted	1.43	1.27	13	16
Return on tangible equity	18.99%	19.74%		
Return on assets	1.04	1.07		
Efficiency ratio	60.15	60.05		
GAAP Performance				
Net income	\$ 56,742	\$ 46,591	22	31
Earnings per share:				
Basic	1.47	1.29	14	26
Diluted	1.43	1.25	14	25
Cash dividends declared	.28	.24	17	23
Book value per share (year-end)	11.80	10.39	14	19
As of Year-End				
Loans	\$4,398,286	\$ 3,734,905	18	20
Earning assets	5,470,718	4,738,389	15	18
Total assets	5,865,756	5,087,702	15	18
Deposits	4,477,600	3,680,516	22	18
Shareholders' equity	472,686	397,088	19	24
Common shares outstanding (thousands)	40,020	38,168		
Shareholders of record	12,000	11,200		
Full-time equivalent employees	1,643	1,475		
Banking offices	90	83		

^{*}Amounts and ratios are prepared on an operating basis, which excludes pre-tax merger charges of \$870 thousand recorded in 2004.

NET OPERATING INCOME



To Our Shareholders

It's another United Day. A day not measured in hours or minutes - but in service and success. Through the service of each and every United banker, the lives of our customers and communities are deeply enriched. Through the success of our company, not only are United and our shareholders rewarded, but so are these very same customers and communities.



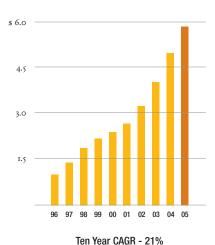
As represented in this annual report, a United Day captures everything unique and special about our company. It's enjoying a cup of coffee at Mary Ann's Country Kitchen. It's helping Rusty Strawn save time for important things like family. It's making a long-time dream come true for Rick and Betty Blair. It's celebrating with Linda Neal as she moves into her first home. It's about United bankers like Donna Stovall and Kenny Fair - as they open the bank for the day and keep it running at night. It's about bankers that put their amazing versatility and talents to work with the immensely popular "The Bankers Hour," entertaining our customers and friends, while raising money for charity.

Hard work, caring and diligence - they're at work on this day - and every day.

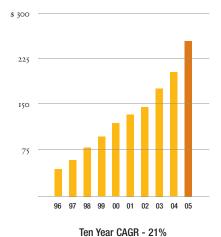
With all of this energy, talent and commitment, it is no surprise that 2005 was another record year for United Community Banks.

- Number of banks grew to 24.
- Added six new banking offices.
- Earnings per share increased by 13%, to \$1.43.
- Loans grew \$663 million, up 18%, to \$4.4 billion.
- Deposits increased \$797 million, or 22%, to \$4.5 billion.
- Assets now total \$5.9 billion, a 15% increase.

TOTAL ASSETS
(BILLIONS)



TOTAL REVENUE (MILLIONS)



Also, in November, a very successful equity offering was completed, raising \$40.5 million in new capital. This was our first offering to the public and was well received and completed within two days. We are grateful for the enthusiastic response and the opportunities it provides us to continue our balanced growth strategy for years to come.

Service-based growth

Our balanced growth strategy consists of growth at existing offices, bank expansions and acquisitions with the right partners in targeted markets. Loan growth during 2005 totaled \$663 million, and deposit growth totaled \$797 million as we continued our very successful deposit program. These impressive numbers speak to the outstanding quality of our bankers and the growth opportunities in our communities. They also validate our discipline of not buying growth through acquisitions, but growing what we buy through exceptional customer service.

Our expansion in Gainesville and Hall County, Georgia has been remarkable. In May, a team of experienced, highly-respected local bankers joined United and immediately began attracting new customers. Our goal was to integrate the new bank quickly and efficiently, and the United team answered the call. In eight months they generated \$246 million in loans and \$132 million in deposits and opened three banking offices to add to our existing Murrayville location. A fifth banking office opened in early 2006.

Growth was by no means limited to Hall County. Our Fairburn bank added offices in Fayette and Coweta Counties on the south side of metro Atlanta, and our Summerville bank added an office in Chattooga County in northwest Georgia. Our Newton/Rockdale bank also opened a commercial loan office in Walton County, located east of metro Atlanta. These banks have tremendous growth opportunities that are being served by these new locations.

The 2005 expansions, like others before them, provide insight into our business model, our bankers and our company.

Our business model

Time and again, established and successful bankers join us with a sense of excitement and a competitive spirit. They are attracted to United's community banking culture and the opportunities that come with it for service, leadership and autonomy. We believe that says something very positive about our business model.

Our bankers

When the spotlight is on growing our new markets, our other United bankers keep a disciplined focus on customer service and business development in their markets. In 2005, this focus on service allowed us to absorb significant expansion costs while still achieving our primary financial goal of double-digit growth in earnings per share. Because of the strength of our existing banks we are able to expand, investing for tomorrow, while still meeting our commitment to the shareholders.

Our company

We enter markets by finding the right people and building around them. When well-known and respected local bankers join us, customers join us too. This reminds us, once again, that banking is *a people business*.

Service, satisfaction and leadership

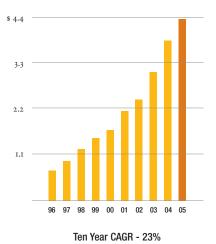
When customers join United, we strive to earn their loyalty and additional referrals through outstanding service. Our bankers have done an exceptional job with this effort. We repeatedly score above 90% on customer satisfaction surveys, which I am proud to say, is significantly higher than the industry average of 75%. As a result, 95% of surveyed customers say they have recommended United to others, or would do so if given the opportunity.

We conduct these surveys continuously and rely on them to validate what we are doing right, and to learn what we can do better. Asking for and responding to customer feedback is extremely important to us because exemplary and genuinely caring customer service is our culture. Now and then we might have to look up an account number, but rarely a name.

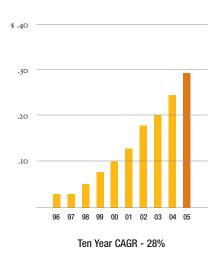
The service commitment extends through the bank's doors to each community and beyond, especially during times of need. In 2005, United bankers personally donated to help victims of the tsunami in southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast, and we matched these gifts for a total which exceeded \$100,000. In addition to financial assistance, our bankers gave time, talent, food and shelter to help rebuild lives. It is no wonder that our people are among the most admired members of their communities.

From time to time I am asked how we preserve the small-bank culture, especially since we are now the third-largest Georgia-based bank and 83rd largest in the country. The answer is leadership at the local level. It starts with our 24 empowered and entrepreneurial bank presidents

TOTAL LOANS
(BILLIONS)



DIVIDENDS PER SHARE (DOLLARS)



who average two decades of service in their communities. They, as well as their teams, personally know, care about and serve customers and neighbors - who often are one and the same. They lead and participate actively in professional, charitable and civic endeavors. They view United not just as the leading bank in town, but also as a vital member of the community.

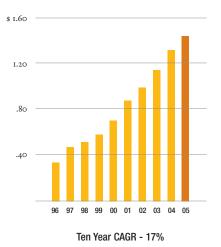
Through teamwork we leverage our size and deep pool of experience and knowledge. Our management team meets regularly to discuss all aspects of the business, share expertise, brainstorm service innovations and raise the bar of performance. We have a highly skilled and dedicated team that manages our technology, operations, lending, finance, compliance and many other essential services. And although this group of people may work behind the scenes, they are absolutely critical to our success. Together, using service as the foundation, we build value for United Community Banks. Indeed,

"The Bank That SERVICE Built" is not just a slogan; it is the essence of this company.

A rich footprint

The total number of people in the markets we serve is 4.8 million. This population is projected to grow by 750,000 new residents between 2005 and 2010. To put that number in perspective, it exceeds the populations of five states and translates into 400 new people per day, every single day, for five years. Our communities, from the southern Appalachians to metro Atlanta to the Golden Coast, are economically strong and offer a high quality of life to growing families, young professionals, baby boomers, second-home buyers and retirees. As they arrive and settle, we are there welcoming and inviting them to make United Community Bank their new hometown bank.

OPERATING EARNINGS PER SHARE



Sharing the success

Our high-growth footprint, community-focused model and balanced growth strategy have been very rewarding for shareholders. Since we listed on Nasdaq four years ago, we split our stock twice while the value has more than doubled, outperforming the Nasdaq Composite Index composed of high-growth companies, as well as the Standard & Poor's 500 composed of large-cap, blue-chip companies. We continually seek to increase shareholder value through strategic growth combined with sustained, consistent double-digit growth in operating earnings.

We introduced a Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan this year that allows you to reinvest dividends into shares of United stock and also make cash purchases of additional stock through the plan. This is a cost-effective way to continue investing in United without paying a brokerage commission, fee or service charge. We also introduced an Employee Stock Purchase Plan in December and are pleased that 427 employees enrolled within the first month. Our bankers demonstrate pride and a sense of ownership in United every day and the stock purchase plan provides a way for each employee to build ownership and share in the growth of our company over time.

Looking ahead, we will remain faithful to the Golden Rule of Banking that has served us so well: *Treat customers as we want to be treated.* This pact with our customers and each

other is more than a half century old and becomes more deeply ingrained every day. It is why so many outstanding people work here, bank with us, and refer family, friends and associates. It is the reason for our ten-year average annual growth rate of 21% in assets and 17% in earnings per share. The environment and mechanics of business will change, but the Golden Rule will stay the same. The important things always do.

We have celebrated service, fellowship, aspirations and success during Another United Day. "Another" doesn't mean "typical," because a United Day isn't typical at all, but meaningful and fulfilling. Because of each and every one of the 1,703 devoted people who are United and everything it stands for, I am convinced that the best United days are ahead of us. I look forward to them with confidence and enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours,

Jimmy Tallent

President and Chief Executive Officer

Management Team

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.



Left to Right:

Jimmy C. Tallent - President and Chief Executive Officer

Rex S. Schuette - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Craig Metz - Executive Vice President of Marketing

Guy W. Freeman - Executive Vice President of Banking

Thomas C. Gilliland - Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Ray K. Williams - Executive Vice President of Risk Management

Bill M. Gilbert - Senior Vice President of Retail Banking



Left to Right: Jamie C. Tallent, President, Gilmer County, Andrew M. Williams, Ill, President, Union County, Gene Haskins, Chief Operating Officer, Brunswick, William L. Daniel, President, Newton/Rockdale County, Gary W. Floyd, President, Adairsville, Carol A. Chastain, Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, Richard E. Martin, Jr., President, Towns County, J. Scott Tucker, President, Summerville, Richard D. White, Chairman, Hall County, Tim Heard, President, Forsyth County, Hal Oswalt, President, Brintech, Inc., Timothy I. Warren, President, West Georgia, Burton R. Stephens, President, Hall County, David Coxon, President, Fairburn, Richard L. Valentine, Chief Executive Officer, Hall County, Eugene B. White, President, White County





Management Team

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.



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Left to Right: Dale Cable, Regional Manager, North Carolina, Robert L. Cochran, Senior Vice President, Treasurer, Chris Jones, Senior Vice President, Chief Credit Officer, South Region, Michael T. Lee, President, Savannah, Gary Guthrie, Senior Vice President, Metro Atlanta Commercial Loan Office, H. Mel Baxter, President, Brunswick, James H. Burrell, President, Habersham County, John W. Chastain, Jr., President, Blue Ridge, Lawrence F. DesPres, Vice President, Technology, Christine M. Uhrich, Vice President, Application Systems, Carolyn Jarrard, Vice President, Account Services, Carol J. Clark, Senior Vice President, SBA Lending, L. Wayne Lowrey, President, Stockbridge, Steve Hurst, President, Tennessee, Jeffrey E. Fulp, President, Rabun County, Steven E. Kemp, Chairman, Rome, Larry L. Odom, President, Lumpkin County

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the Years Ended December 31 (in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)		
(in thousands, except per share data, taxable equivalent)	2005	2004
INCOME SUMMARY Interest revenue Interest expense Net interest revenue Provision for loan losses Fee revenue Total revenue Operating expenses (1) Income before taxes Income taxes Net operating income Merger-related charges, net of tax Net income	\$ 338,818 127,426 211,392 12,100 46,148 245,440 155,401 90,039 33,297 56,742	\$ 239,386
OPERATING PERFORMANCE (1) Earnings per common share: Basic Diluted Return on tangible equity (3) Return on assets Efficiency ratio Dividend payout ratio	\$ 1.47 1.43 18.99 % 1.04 60.15 19.05	\$ 1.31 1.27 19.74 % 1.07 60.05 18.32
GAAP PERFORMANCE Per common share: Basic earnings Diluted earnings Cash dividends declared (rounded) Book value Tangible book value (3)	\$ 1.47 1.43 .28 11.80 8.94	\$ 1.29 1.25 .24 10.39 7.34
Key performance ratios: Return on equity (2) Return on assets Net interest margin Dividend payout ratio Equity to assets (average) Tangible equity to assets (average)	13.46 % 1.04 4.14 19.05 7.63 5.64	14.39 % 1.05 4.00 18.60 7.45 5.78
ASSET QUALITY Allowance for loan losses Non-performing assets Net charge-offs Allowance for loan losses to loans Non-performing assets to total assets Net charge-offs to average loans	\$ 53,595 12,995 5,701 1.22 % .22 .14	\$ 47,196 8,725 3,617 1.26 % .17
AVERAGE BALANCES Loans Investment securities Earning assets Total assets Deposits Shareholders' equity Common shares outstanding: Basic Diluted	\$ 4,061,091 989,201 5,109,053 5,472,200 4,003,084 417,309 38,477 39,721	\$ 3,322,916 734,577 4,119,327 4,416,835 3,247,612 329,225 36,071 37,273
AS OF YEAR-END Loans Investment securities Earning assets Total assets Deposits Shareholders' equity Common shares outstanding	\$ 4,398,286 990,687 5,470,718 5,865,756 4,477,600 472,686 40,020	\$ 3,734,905 879,978 4,738,389 5,087,702 3,680,516 397,088 38,168

⁽¹⁾ Excludes pre-tax merger-related and restructuring charges totaling \$.9 million, or \$.02 per diluted common share, recorded in 2004; \$2.1 million, or \$.04 per diluted common share, recorded in 2003; \$1.6 million, or \$.03 per diluted common share, recorded in 2001.

2003	2002	2001	Five Year CAGR	
\$ 209,338 70,600 138,738 6,300 38,184 170,622 107,900 62,722 23,247 39,475 1,357 \$ 38,118	\$ 195,932 76,357 119,575 6,900 30,734 143,409 91,124 52,285 19,505 32,780	\$ 210,036 100,874 109,162 6,000 25,267 128,429 83,906 44,523 16,208 28,315 1,084 \$ 27,231	17 % 20 18 16 21 21	
\$ 1.15 1.12 19.24 % 1.06 60.89 17.39	\$ 1.02 .99 17.88 % 1.11 60.66 16.34	\$.89 .87 18.19 % 1.10 62.52 14.98	16 16	
\$ 1.11 1.08 .20 8.47 6.52	\$ 1.02 .99 .17 6.89 6.49	\$.86 .84 .13 5.98 5.40	26 25 23 19	
14.79 % 1.02 3.99 18.02 7.21 6.02	16.54 % 1.11 4.33 16.34 7.01 6.60	16.08 % 1.05 4.51 15.50 6.81 6.18		
\$ 38,655 7,589 4,097 1.28 % .19 .15	\$ 30,914 8,019 3,111 1.30 % .25 .14	\$ 27,124 9,670 4,578 1.35 % .35 .25		
\$ 2,753,451 667,211 3,476,030 3,721,284 2,743,087 268,446	\$ 2,239,875 464,468 2,761,265 2,959,295 2,311,717 207,312	\$ 1,854,968 489,332 2,419,080 2,585,290 2,010,105 176,144	19 11 17 17 16 25	
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⁽²⁾ Net income available to common stockholders, which excludes preferred stock dividends, divided by average realized common equity which excludes accumulated other comprehensive income.

(3) Excludes effect of acquisition-related intangibles and associated amortization.

Consolidated Statement of Income

For the Years Ended December 31 (in thousands, except per share data)			
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Interest revenue: Loans, including fees	\$ 293,990	\$ 207,571	\$ 180,035
Investment securities:	Ψ 2/3,//0	Ψ 20/,5/1	φ 100,037
Taxable	40,195	27,431	23,944
Tax exempt	2,086	2,161	2,819
Federal funds sold and deposits in banks	911	618	391
Total interest revenue	337,182	237,781	207,189
Interest expense:			
Deposits:	10.10/	0.554	7.021
Demand Savings	19,194 791	8,554 403	7,831 369
Time	66,968	41,202	39,752
Total deposit interest expense	86,953	50,159	47,952
Total deposit interest expense	00,773	20,122	17,502
Federal funds purchased, repurchase agreements & other short-term borrowings	5,304	2,119	743
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	26,633	14,237	15,271
Long-term debt	8,536	8,279	6,634
Total interest expense	127,426	74,794	70,600
Net interest revenue	209,756	162,987	136,589
Provision for loan losses Net interest revenue after provision for loan losses	12,100 197,656	7,600 155,387	6,300 130,289
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Fee revenue:			
Service charges and fees	25,137	21,540	18,288
Mortgage loan and other related fees	7,330	6,324	10,515
Consulting fees	6,609	5,749	4,399
Brokerage fees Securities (losses) gains, net	2,570 (809)	2,027 428	1,921 497
Losses on prepayments of borrowings	(809)	(391)	(787)
Other	5,311	3,862	3,351
Total fee revenue	46,148	39,539	38,184
Total revenue	243,804	194,926	168,473
Operating superpose			
Operating expenses: Salaries and employee benefits	99,447	77,995	68,044
Communications and equipment	13,157	10,945	8,601
Occupancy	10,835	9,271	8,783
Advertising and public relations	6,733	4,403	3,068
Postage, printing and supplies	5,501	4,451	4,439
Professional fees	4,306	3,724	3,910
Amortization of intangibles	2,012	1,674	1,065
Merger-related charges	- 12 /10	870	2,088
Other The language of the control of	13,410	10,105	9,990
Total operating expenses Income before income taxes	155,401 88,403	<u>123,438</u> 71,488	109,988 58,485
Income taxes	31,661	24,897	20,367
Net income	\$ 56,742	\$ 46,591	\$ 38,118
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 56,719	\$ 46,582	\$ 38,052
Earnings per common share: Basic	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.11
Diluted	1.43	1.25	φ 1.11 1.08
Weighted average common shares outstanding (in thousands):	1,10	1.44)	1.00
Basic	38,477	36,071	34,132
Diluted	39,721	37,273	35,252

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As of December 31 (in thousands, except share data)		
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	2005	2004
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 121,963	\$ 99,742
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	\$ 121,963 20,607	35,098
Cash and cash equivalents	142,570	134,840
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Securities available for sale	990,687	879,978
Mortgage loans held for sale	22,335	37,094
Loans, net of allowance of \$53,595 and \$47,196	4,344,691	3,687,709
Premises and equipment, net	112,887	103,679
Accrued interest receivable	37,197	27,923
Goodwill and other intangible assets	118,651	121,207
Other assets	96,738	95,272
Total assets	\$ 5,865,756	\$ 5,087,702
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Demand	\$ 602,525	\$ 532,879
Interest-bearing demand	1,264,947	1,055,192
Savings	175,453	171,898
Time	2,434,675	1,920,547_
Total deposits	4,477,600	3,680,516
Federal funds purchased, repurchase agreements & other short-term borrowings	122,881	132,931
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	635,616	737,947
Long-term debt	111,869	111,869
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	45,104	27,351
Total liabilities	5,393,070	4,690,614
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; \$10 stated value; 10,000,000 shares		
authorized; issued and outstanding 32,200 and 44,800 shares	322	448
Common stock, \$1 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized;		
40,019,853 and 38,407,874 shares issued in 2005 and 2004, respectively	40,020	38,408
Common stock issuable; 9,948 shares in 2005	271	-
Capital surplus	193,355	155,076
Retained earnings	250,563	204,709
Treasury stock; 240,346 shares in 2004, at cost	_	(4,413)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(11,845)	2,860
Total shareholders' equity	472,686	397,088
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 5,865,756	<u>\$ 5,087,702</u>

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Dividend Payment Dates

Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, quarterly dividend payments are made on the first business day of January, April, July and October.

Stock Price

United Community Banks, Inc.'s common stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Stock Market under the symbol UCBI. Quarterly stock prices for 2005 and 2004 are provided in the following table.

	2005		2004		
High	Low	Close	High	Low	Close
First quarter\$27.92	\$23.02	\$23.73	\$24.62	\$21.37	\$23.73
Second quarter	21.70	26.02	25.36	21.89	25.18
Third quarter29.36	25.75	28.50	25.45	21.75	24.27
Fourth quarter30.50	26.66	26.66	29.60	23.17	26.93

Electronic Deposit of Dividends

Shareholders may request dividends to be deposited electronically to a designated financial institution and credited to their account on the dividend payment date, free of charge. To request this service, contact Investor Relations.

Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan

Shareholders can reinvest all or a portion of their cash dividends in additional shares or purchase shares directly from United without commissions or fees through United's Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan. To find out more about how to participate or to obtain a prospectus, visit United's website or contact Investor Relations.

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held: Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 2:00 p.m. Brasstown Valley Resort Young Harris, Georgia

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