



United Community Banks, Inc. Declares Quarterly Stock Dividend

BLAIRSVILLE, GA, Mar 03, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI), Georgia's third-largest bank holding company, announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend that will be paid in shares of common stock on April 1, 2009 to shareholders of record as of March 11, 2009. Each shareholder will receive one new share of common stock for every 130 shares held on March 11, 2009.

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 \$8.5 billion and operates 27 community banks with 107 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 www.ucbi.com.

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