



## **C.B. Fair Joins United Community Bank as Executive VP - Atlanta Region**

MARIETTA, GA, Feb 11, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Glenn White, President of United Community Bank - Atlanta Region, is pleased to announce that C.B. Fair III has joined the bank as Executive Vice-President - Atlanta Region. In this role, Fair will work with the Atlanta Region leadership team to strategically expand United Community Bank's (NASDAQ: UCBI) presence in this critical market.

"I am delighted to have someone of C.B.'s expertise and professionalism joining our United Community Bank team," White said. "His experience and knowledge of the local banking environment will be invaluable to the management of our retail and business banking efforts in Metro Atlanta. United prides itself in unparalleled service, and I know that C.B. will make a major contribution to meeting the needs of our customers."

Fair joins the company after a 37-year banking career with Regions Financial Corporation in the Atlanta and North Georgia markets. Prior to joining UCBI, Fair served as Group President of Regions Financial Corporation - North Georgia Group. He also has held positions as: Group President, President/CEO, President, Executive Vice President and Vice President of the Regions Financial Corporation's West Georgia Group.

Fair holds a BBA/Finance degree from University of Georgia. He also is a graduate of the Michigan School of Managers, Stonier Graduate School of Banking, National Graduate School of Commercial Lending and School of Banking of the South at LSU.

In addition to his distinguished banking career, Fair also has held posts with organizations as varied as the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce and State YMCA. He also has been Chairman of the Paulding County Industrial Building Authority, Chairman of the Paulding County Airport Authority, Chairman of Paulding County United Way and Director of the Georgia Bankers Association.

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](http://www.ucbi.com).

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