### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 20, 2016

United Community Banks, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>No. 001-35095</u> (Commission File Number) No. 58-180-7304 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

<u>Georgia</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> 125 Highway 515 East <u>Blairsville, Georgia 30512</u> (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (706) 781-2265

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4(c))

### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 20, 2016, United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Registrant") issued a news release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 (the "News Release"). The News Release, including financial schedules, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. In connection with issuing the News Release, on January 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. ET, the Registrant intends to hold a conference call/webcast to discuss the News Release. In addition to the News Release, during the conference call the Registrant intends to discuss certain financial information contained in the Fourth Quarter 2015 Investor Presentation (the "Investor Presentation"), which will be posted to the Registrant's website at www.ucbi.com. The Investor Presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The presentation of the Registrant's financial results includes operating and core earnings measures, which are measures of performance determined by methods other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Management included non-GAAP operating and core earnings measures because it believes they are useful for evaluating the Registrant's operations and performance over periods of time, and uses operating and core earnings measures in managing and evaluating the Registrant's business and intends to refer to them in discussions about the Registrant's operations and performance. Operating earnings measures exclude merger-related charges and an impairment charge associated with properties purchased for future branch expansion. Core earnings measures also exclude credit related costs such as the provision for loan losses and foreclosed property expense, securities gains and losses, income taxes and other items of a non-recurring nature. Operating and core earnings measures are useful in evaluating the underlying earnings performance trends of the Registrant. Management believes these non-GAAP performance measures may provide users of the Registrant's financial information with a meaningful measure for assessing the Registrant's financial results to prior periods.

Operating and core earnings measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative to or substitute for, the Registrant's performance measures determined in accordance with GAAP, and are not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures that may be presented by other companies.

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d)	Exhibits
Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News Release, dated January 20, 2016
99.2	Investor Presentation, Fourth Quarter 2015

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

By: /s/ Rex S. Schuette Rex S. Schuette

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 20, 2016



For Immediate Release

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### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. REPORTS NET OPERATING INCOME OF \$23.8 MILLION FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2015, UP 30 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

- Operating earnings per diluted share of 33 cents, up 10 percent from a year ago
- Operating return on assets of .99 percent
- Operating return on tangible common equity of 10.9 percent
- Loans up \$162 million from third quarter, or 11 percent annualized, excluding sale of healthcare loans
- Loan growth for year of \$444 million, or 10 percent, excluding mergers and healthcare loan sale
- Core transaction deposits up \$524 million for 2015, or 14 percent, excluding deposits acquired in mergers

BLAIRSVILLE, GA – January 20, 2016 – United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) ("United") today continued its strong momentum as it moves forward as a regional community bank in the Southeast, reflecting strong loan, core deposit and fee revenue growth, and a lower provision for credit losses. For the fourth quarter of 2015, net operating income of \$23.8 million increased 30 percent from a year ago and operating earnings per diluted share of 33 cents was up 10 percent from a year ago.

Operating earnings and operating earnings per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2015 exclude the effects of merger-related and other charges for impairment on properties acquired for future expansion. Including those charges, net income was \$18.2 million for the fourth quarter, or 25 cents per diluted share. Also, operating earnings this quarter include three months of earnings from the acquisition of The Palmetto Bank ("Palmetto"), as compared to one month for the third quarter of 2015.

For the full year of 2015, United achieved net income of \$71.6 million, or \$1.09 per diluted share. Excluding merger-related and other charges, net operating income was \$83.2 million, or \$1.27 per diluted share.

At December 31, 2015, preliminary regulatory capital ratios were as follows: Tier 1 Risk-Based of 11.5 percent; Total Risk-Based of 12.5 percent; Common Equity Tier 1 Risk-Based of 11.5 percent; and, Tier 1 Leverage of 8.3 percent.

"United continues to enhance its long term value potential. This past year of 2015 demonstrated the strengths of our footprint and the momentum that characterizes our organization as we enter into 2016," said Jimmy Tallent, chairman and chief executive officer. "In 2015, we struck the proper balance of investing for our future and delivering strong financial results. The fourth quarter was a continuation of that solid performance.

"Total loan production continued strong in the fourth quarter, though not readily apparent in our year-end loan balances due to the sale of our \$190 million of healthcare loans," Tallent continued. "Year-to-date loan growth, excluding loans acquired in mergers and our sale of healthcare loans, was \$444 million, or 10 percent, slightly above our 2015 target of mid-to-upper-single-digit loan growth. Our loan growth was funded with solid core transaction deposit growth of \$524 million, or 14 percent, excluding mergers.

"Fourth quarter net loan growth of \$162 million, excluding the healthcare loan sale, was driven by loan production of \$590 million across all of our markets," added Tallent. "Our community banks originated \$360 million in loan production, while our specialized lending area, which includes asset-based, commercial real estate, middle market, SBA and builder finance lending, produced \$157 million."

Fourth quarter taxable-equivalent net interest revenue totaled \$74.0 million, up \$8.33 million from the third quarter of 2015 and up \$15.7 million from the fourth quarter of 2014. The increase in net interest revenue reflects strong loan and core deposit growth, net interest revenue from the Palmetto and First National Bank acquisitions, and an increase in net interest margin.

"The taxable-equivalent net interest margin of 3.34 percent is an increase of eight basis points from the third quarter and up three basis points from a year ago," said Tallent. "The increase from third quarter reflects higher yields on our loan and securities portfolios as well as a two basis point decrease in the average rate on our interest-bearing liabilities.

"This quarter, our loan yield, net interest margin and net interest revenue benefited from the discount accretion from the acquired loan portfolios. The sale of our lower-yielding healthcare loans also contributed to the higher loan yield and net interest margin," commented Tallent. "Additionally, the securities yield benefited from the mix of floating rate securities, slower prepayments and restructuring of a corporate bond, while interest-bearing liabilities benefited from Palmetto's highly desirable deposit base that provided a very low cost source of funds."

The fourth quarter provision for credit losses was \$300 thousand, down \$400 thousand from the third quarter and down \$1.50 million from the fourth quarter of 2014. Fourth quarter net charge-offs were \$1.30 million compared with \$1.42 million in the third quarter and \$2.51 million a year ago. Strong recoveries of previously charged-off loans drove net charge-offs down in the third quarters of 2015 compared with fourth quarter 2014. Nonperforming assets were .29 percent of total assets at year-end, compared with .29 percent in the third quarter and .26 percent a year ago.

Fourth quarter fee revenue totaled \$21.3 million, up \$2.99 million from the third quarter and \$6.46 million from the fourth quarter of 2014. The increase from the third quarter was primarily due to the full quarter impact of the Palmetto acquisition. Total service charges and fees were \$11.5 million, up \$2.17 million from the third quarter and up \$3.05 million from a year ago. Mortgage fees of \$3.29 million were down \$550 thousand from the third quarter and up \$1.18 million from a year ago. The decrease from the third quarter reflects seasonality and lower refinancing activity. Closed mortgage loans totaled \$138 million in the fourth quarter of 2015, compared with \$141 million in the third quarter and \$77.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2014. During the fourth quarter, sales of \$25.1 million in SBA loans resulted in net gains of \$2.00 million. This compares with \$17.8 million in loans sold and net gains of \$1.65 million in the third quarter of 2015, and \$15.8 million in loans sold and net gains of \$26 thousand in the fourth quarter of 2014.

"We are committed to growing our revenue stream by focusing on fee-generating products and services," stated Tallent. "The growing SBA lending business and commitment to expanding our mortgage origination business are key parts of this strategy."

Operating expenses, excluding merger-related and other charges of \$9.08 million, were \$56.4 million in the fourth quarter. This compares with \$48.5 million in the third quarter of 2015 and \$41.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2014. The increase from the third quarter reflects approximately \$5.6 million of operating expenses related to the full-quarter impact of the Palmetto acquisition. Palmetto's operating expenses are expected to decline following systems conversions late in the first quarter in 2016, as anticipated cost savings are realized.

"The increase in operating expenses from third quarter also reflects higher professional fees and consulting services for several, mostly one-time, regulatory-related compliance projects throughout the company," stated Tallent. "With the heightened sensitivity to compliance, we made a decision to accelerate these projects into the current year."

Fourth quarter salaries and employee benefits expense totaled \$32.9 million, up \$3.60 million from the third quarter and \$6.35 million from a year ago. The linked-quarter increase was primarily due to the full-quarter impact of Palmetto's costs, our new Charleston loan production office, and higher incentive costs associated with the growth in earnings and lending businesses. The increase from a year ago reflects the impact of mergers, investment in new lenders and support staff for the specialized lending area, as well as higher commissions and incentives associated with the overall improvement in earnings and growth in the SBA and mortgage lending businesses, commercial loans and core deposits.

Occupancy expense of \$4.67 million and communications and equipment expense of \$4.74 million for the fourth quarter were up \$653 thousand and \$772 thousand, respectively, with the full-quarter of Palmetto's expenses accounting for most of the increase in both expense categories.

Other operating expenses for the fourth quarter totaled \$7.01 million, up \$1.46 million from the third quarter and up \$3.08 million from the fourth quarter of 2014. The linked-quarter increase is mostly due to the inclusion of Palmetto's operating expenses for the full-quarter versus one month in the third quarter. The increase from last year is due to the acquisitions and higher transaction processing costs for interchange and internet banking services.

"Palmetto merged into United on September 1 and our team of bankers has been working diligently to bring these two great companies together," noted Tallent. "System conversions are targeted for late February 2016 and, upon their completion, Palmetto branches will begin doing business under the United Community Bank brand."

Fourth quarter expenses included an after-tax merger charge of \$1.94 million primarily related to severance and retention bonuses, system conversion costs, and advisory and professional services fees for the Palmetto acquisition. United also incurred an after-tax non-operating impairment charge in the fourth quarter of \$3.65 million to write-down properties acquired in prior years for future branch expansion.

"As part of our growth strategy, we are evaluating all of our delivery channels, including future branch sites," said Tallent. "Some of these properties will be retained for future branch sites, others will be sold. These decisions will be made over the next two years as we continue to execute on our growth strategies. However, because we've held these properties for a long time, we evaluated them for impairment and wrote-down the properties accordingly."

"Our fourth quarter results mark the completion of another strong year," Tallent said. "We will remember 2015 as the year we successfully re-entered the mergers and acquisitions business. I could not be more pleased with the partners we have chosen and our exceptional team of bankers who worked tirelessly to bring it all about. I'm excited about the momentum and foundation we are building at United and the opportunities for growth and success they will bring."

### Conference Call

United will hold a conference call today, Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 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 19833202. The conference call also will be webcast and available for replay for 30 days by selecting "Events & Presentations" 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 \$9.6 billion in assets. The company's banking subsidiary, United Community Bank, is one of the Southeast's largest full-service banks, operating 134 offices in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The bank specializes in personalized community banking services for individuals, small businesses and corporations. United Community Bank offers a full range of consumer and commercial banking services including mortgage, advisory, treasury management and other products. In 2014 and 2015, United Community Bank was ranked first in customer satisfaction in the southeast by J.D. Power and again in 2016 was ranked among the top 100 on the Forbes list of America's Best Banks. Additional information about the company and the bank's full range of products and services can be found at www.ucbi.com.

### 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 2014 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.

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

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<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes merger-related charges and impairment losses on surplus bank property. <sup>(2)</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>(3)</sup> Excludes effect of acquisition related intangibles and associated amortization. <sup>(4)</sup> Annualized. <sup>(5)</sup> December 31, September 30, June 30 and March 31, 2015 calculated under Basel III rules, which became effective January 1, 2015. <sup>(6)</sup> Fourth quarter 2015 ratio is preliminary.

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Selected Financial Information For the Years Ended December 31

For the Years Ended December 31,			<u> </u>							
(in thousands, except per share data;										
taxable equivalent)		2015		2014		2013		2012		2011
INCOME SUMMARY Net interest revenue	\$	258,700	\$	224,418	\$	219,641	\$	229,758	\$	238,670
Provision for credit losses	Ψ	3,700	Ψ	8,500	ψ	65,500	Ψ	62,500	ψ	251,000
Fee revenue		72,529		55,554		56,598		56,112		44,907
Total revenue		327,529		271,472		210,739		223,370		32,577
Expenses - operating <sup>(1)</sup>		193,243		162,865		174,304		186,774		261,599
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit) - operating $^{(1)}$		134,286		108,607		36,435		36,596		(229,022)
Income tax expense (benefit) - operating $^{(1)}$		51,101		40,987		(236,705)		2,740		(2,276)
Net income (loss) - operating $^{(1)}$		83,185		67,620		273,140		33,856		(226,746)
Preferred dividends and discount accretion		67		439		12,078		12,148		11,838
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders - operating					_				_	
(1) Merger-related and other charges, net of income tax benefit		83,118		67,181		261,062		21,708		(238,584)
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders - GAAP	¢	(11,607)	¢	-	¢	-	¢	-	¢	(229 594)
	\$	71,511	\$	67,181	\$	261,062	\$	21,708	\$	(238,584)
PERFORMANCE MEASURES										
Per common share:	¢	4.05	<i>•</i>		<b>^</b>		<b>•</b>	20	<b>^</b>	(5.05)
Diluted income (loss) - operating <sup>(1)</sup> Diluted income (loss) - GAAP	\$	1.27 1.09	\$	1.11 1.11	\$	4.44 4.44	\$	.38 .38	\$	(5.97) (5.97)
Cash dividends declared		.22		.11		4.44		.50		(3.37)
Book value		14.02		12.20		11.30		6.67		6.62
Tangible book value <sup>(3)</sup>		12.06		12.15		11.26		6.57		6.47
-										
Key performance ratios:										
Return on tangible common equity - operating $^{(1)(2)(3)}$		10.24%	Ď	9.32%	)	47.35%		6.27%	)	(96.20)%
Return on common equity - operating $^{(1)(2)}$		9.48		9.17		46.72		5.43		(93.57)
Return on common equity - GAAP $^{(2)}$		8.15		9.17		46.72		5.43		(93.57)
Return on assets - operating <sup>(1)</sup>		.98		.91		3.86		.49		(3.15)
Return on assets - GAAP		.85		.91		3.86		.49		(3.15)
Dividend payout ratio - operating <sup>(1)</sup> Dividend payout ratio - GAAP		17.32 20.18		9.91 9.91		-		-		-
Net interest margin		3.30		3.26		3.30		- 3.51		3.52
Efficiency ratio - operating $^{(1)}$		58.51		58.26		63.14		65.43		92.27
Efficiency ratio - GAAP		63.96		58.26		63.14		65.43		92.27
Average equity to average assets		10.27		9.69		10.35		8.47		7.75
Average tangible equity to average assets <sup>(3)</sup>		9.74		9.67		10.31		8.38		7.62
Average tangible common equity to average assets <sup>(3)</sup>		9.66		9.60		7.55		5.54		3.74
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted assets $^{(3)(4)(5)}$		12.82		13.82		13.17		8.26		8.25
ASSET QUALITY										
Non-performing loans	\$	22,653	\$	17,881	\$	26,819	\$	109,894	\$	127,479
Foreclosed properties		4,883		1,726		4,221		18,264		32,859
Total non-performing assets (NPAs)		27,536		19,607		31,040		128,158		160,338
Allowance for loan losses		68,448		71,619		76,762		107,137		114,468
Net charge-offs Allowance for loan losses to loans		6,259 1.14%	<u>,</u>	13,879 1.53%		93,710 1.77%		69,831 2.57%		311,227 2.79%
Allowance for loan losses to loans, excluding acquired loans		1.35	J	1.53	)	1.77		2.57	,	2.79
Net charge-offs to average loans		.12		.31		2.22		1.69		7.33
NPAs to loans and foreclosed properties		.46		.42		.72		3.06		3.87
NPAs to total assets		.29		.26		.42		1.88		2.30
AVERAGE BALANCES (\$ in millions)							<i>~</i>		ć	
Loans Investment securities	\$	5,298	\$	4,450	\$	4,254	\$	4,166	\$	4,307
Investment securities Earning assets		2,368 7,834		2,274 6,880		2,190 6,649		2,089 6,547		1,999 6,785
Total assets		8,462		7,436		7,074		6,865		7,189
Deposits		7,055		6,228		6,027		5,885		6,275
Shareholders' equity		869		720		732		582		557
Common shares - Basic (thousands) Common shares - Diluted (thousands)		65,488 65,492		60,588 60,590		58,787 58,845		57,857 57,857		39,943 39,943
AT YEAR END (\$ in millions)				,000		,0.0		2,007		,0
Loans	\$	5,995	\$	4,672	\$	4,329	\$	4,175	\$	4,110
Investment securities	Ŧ	2,656	-	2,198	-	2,312	-	2,079	÷	2,120
Total assets		9,626		7,567		7,425		6,802		6,983
Deposits		7,881		6,327		6,202		5,952		6,098
Shareholders' equity		1,018 71 484		740 60 259		796 59 432		581 57,741		575 57,561
Common shares outstanding (thousands)		71,484		60,259		59,432		57,741		57,501

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes merger-related charges and impairment losses on surplus bank property. <sup>(2)</sup> Net income (loss) 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>(3)</sup> Excludes effect of acquisition related intangibles and associated amortization. <sup>(4)</sup> December 31, 2015 calculated under Basel III rules, which became effective January 1, 2015. <sup>(5)</sup> 2015 ratio is preliminary.

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

(in thousands, except per chara	Fourth	2015 Third	Second	Finet	2014 Fourth		For the	e Twelve Months E December 31,	nded	
(in thousands, except per share data; taxable equivalent)	Fourth Quarter		Second Quarter	First Quarter	Fourth Quarter	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Interest revenue reconciliation Interest revenue - taxable equivalent Taxable equivalent adjustment Interest revenue (GAAP)	\$ 79,646 (284) \$ 79,362	\$ 71,120 \$ (292) \$ 70,828 \$	66,134 (326) 65,808	\$ 62,909 (375) \$ 62,534	\$ 64,353 (398) \$ 63,955	\$ 279,809 (1,277) \$ 278,532	\$ 249,969 (1,537) \$ 248,432	\$ 247,323 (1,483) \$ 245,840	\$ 267,667 (1,690) \$ 265,977	\$ 304,308 (1,707) \$ 302,601
Net interest revenue reconciliation Net interest revenue - taxable equivalent Taxable equivalent adjustment Net interest revenue (GAAP)	\$ 74,048 (284) \$ 73,764	\$ 65,718 \$ (292) \$ 65,426 \$	61,317 (326) 60,991	\$ 57,617 (375) \$ 57,242	\$ 58,332 (398) \$ 57,934	\$ 258,700 (1,277) \$ 257,423	\$ 224,418 (1,537) \$ 222,881	\$ 219,641 (1,483) \$ 218,158	\$ 229,758 (1,690) \$ 228,068	\$ 238,670 (1,707) \$ 236,963
<b>Total revenue reconciliation</b> Total operating revenue Taxable equivalent adjustment Total revenue (GAAP)	\$ 95,032 (284) \$ 94,748	\$ 83,315 \$ (292) \$ 83,023 \$	77,683 (326) 77,357	\$ 71,499 (375) \$ 71,124	\$ 71,355 (398) \$ 70,957	\$ 327,529 (1,277) \$ 326,252	\$ 271,472 (1,537) \$ 269,935	\$ 210,739 (1,483) \$ 209,256	\$ 223,370 (1,690) \$ 221,680	\$ 32,577 (1,707) \$ 30,870
Expense reconciliation Expenses - operating Merger-related and other charges Expenses (GAAP)	\$ 56,410 9,078 \$ 65,488	\$ 48,525 \$ 5,744 \$ 54,269 \$	45,247 3,173 48,420	\$ 43,061 \$ 43,061	\$ 41,919 \$ 41,919	\$ 193,243 17,995 \$ 211,238	\$ 162,865 \$ 162,865	\$ 174,304 \$ 174,304	\$ 186,774 \$ 186,774	\$ 261,599 \$ 261,599
Income before taxes reconciliation Income before taxes - operating Taxable equivalent adjustment Merger-related and other charges Income before taxes (GAAP)	\$ 38,622 (284) (9,078) \$ 29,260	\$ 34,790 \$ (292) (5,744) \$ 28,754 \$	32,436 (326) (3,173) 28,937	\$ 28,438 (375) <u>-</u> \$ 28,063	\$ 29,436 (398) - \$ 29,038	\$ 134,286 (1,277) (17,995) \$ 115,014	\$ 108,607 (1,537) - \$ 107,070	\$ 36,435 (1,483) \$ 34,952	\$ 36,596 (1,690) - \$ 34,906	\$ (229,022) (1,707) \$ (230,729)
Income tax expense reconciliation Income tax expense - operating Taxable equivalent adjustment Merger-related and other charges, tax benefit	\$ 14,822 (284) (3,486)	\$ 13,064 \$ (292) (1,905)	12,447 (326) (997)	\$ 10,768 (375)	\$ 11,189 (398)	\$ 51,101 (1,277) (6,388)	\$ 40,987 (1,537)	\$ (236,705) (1,483)	\$ 2,740 (1,690)	\$ (2,276) (1,707)
Income tax expense (GAAP)	\$ 11,052	\$ 10,867 \$	11,124	\$ 10,393	\$ 10,791	\$ 43,436	\$ 39,450	\$ (238,188)	\$ 1,050	\$ (3,983)
Net income reconciliation Net income - operating Merger-related and other charges, net of income tax benefit Net income (GAAP)	\$ 23,800 (5,592) \$ 18,208	\$ 21,726 \$ (3,839) \$ 17,887 \$	19,989 (2,176) 17,813	\$ 17,670 - \$ 17,670	\$ 18,247 	\$ 83,185 (11,607) \$ 71,578	\$ 67,620 - \$ 67,620	\$ 273,140 - \$ 273,140	\$ 33,856 	\$ (226,746) - \$ (226,746)
Net income available to common shareholders reconciliation Net income available to common shareholders - operating Merger-related and other charges, net of income tax benefit Net income available to common shareholders (GAAP)	\$ 23,775 (5,592) \$ 18,183	\$ 21,701 \$ (3,839) \$ 17,862 \$	19,972 (2,176) 17,796	\$ 17,670 	\$ 18,247  \$ 18,247	\$ 83,118 (11,607) \$ 71,511	\$ 67,181 <u>-</u> \$ 67,181	\$ 261,062 	\$ 21,708 \$ 21,708	\$ (238,584)  \$ (238,584)
Diluted income per common share reconciliation Diluted income per common share - operating Merger-related and other charges Diluted income per common share (GAAP)	\$.33 (.08) \$.25	\$ .33 (.06) \$ .27 \$	.32 (.04) .28	\$.29 	\$.30 	\$ 1.27 (.18) \$ 1.09	\$ 1.11 <u>-</u> <u>\$ 1.11</u>	\$ 4.44  \$ 4.44	\$.38 	\$ (5.97) 
Book value per common share reconciliation										
Tangible book value per common share Effect of goodwill and other intangibles Book value per common share (GAAP)	\$ 12.06 1.96 \$ 14.02	\$ 12.08 \$ 1.87 \$ 13.95 \$	12.66 .29 12.95	\$ 12.53 .05 \$ 12.58	\$ 12.15 .05 \$ 12.20	\$ 12.06 1.96 \$ 14.02	\$ 12.15 .05 \$ 12.20	\$ 11.26 .04 \$ 11.30	\$ 6.57 .10 \$ 6.67	\$ 6.47 .15 \$ 6.62
Return on tangible common equity reconciliation Return on tangible common equity - operating Effect of goodwill and other intangibles Return on common equity - operating Merger-related and other charges Return on common equity (GAAP)	10.87% (1.69) 9.18 (2.16) 7.02%	10.29% (.75) 9.54 (1.69) 7.85%	10.20% (.30) 9.90 (1.07) 8.83%	9.46% (.12) 9.34 - 9.34%	9.74% (.14) 9.60 - 9.60%	10.24% (.76) 9.48 (1.33) 8.15%	9.32% (.15) 9.17 - 9.17%	47.35% (.63) 46.72 	6.27% (.84) 5.43 - 5.43%	(96.20)% 2.63 (93.57) (93.57)%
Return on assets reconciliation Return on assets - operating Merger-related and other charges Return on assets (GAAP)	.99% (.23) .76%	1.00% (.18) .82%	1.00% (.11) .89%	.94% 	.96% 	.98% (.13) .85%	.91% 		.49% 	-
Allowance for loan losses to loans reconciliation Allowance for loan losses to loans, excl. acquired loans Effect of removing acquired loans from ratio Allowance for loan losses to loans (GAAP)	1.35% (.21) 1.14 <sup>%</sup>	1.37% (.22) 1.15%	1.42% (.06) 1.36%	1.46%	1.53%  	(.21)			2.57% 	<u> </u>
Dividend payout ratio reconciliation Dividend payout ratio - operating Merger-related and other charges Dividend payout ratio (GAAP)	18.18% 5.82 24.00%		15.63% 2.23 17.86%	<u> </u>	<u>16.67%</u>					
Efficiency ratio reconciliation Efficiency ratio - operating Merger-related and other charges Efficiency ratio (GAAP)	59.41% 9.56 68.97%		57.59% 4.04 61.63%	59.15%	57.47%			63.14% <u></u>	65.43%	92.27% 92.27%
Average equity to assets reconciliation Tangible common equity to assets Effect of preferred equity Tangible equity to assets Effect of goodwill and other intangibles Equity to assets (GAAP)	9.29% .11 9.40 1.28 10.68%	9.77% .11 9.88 .51 10.39%	9.83% .08 9.91 .14 10.05%	9.82% 9.82 .04 9.86%	9.72% 9.72 .04 <u>9.76</u> %	9.66% .08 9.74 .53 10.27%	9.60% .07 9.67 .02 9.69%	7.55% 2.76 10.31 .04 10.35%	5.54% <u>2.84</u> 8.38 .09 <u>8.47</u> %	3.74% 3.88 7.62 .13 7.75%

Tangible common equity to risk-weighted

assets reconciliation <sup>(1)</sup>										
Tangible common equity to risk-weighted										
assets	12.82%	13.08%	13.24%	13.53%	13.82%	12.82%	13.82%	13.18%	8.26%	8.25%
Effect of other comprehensive income	.38	.23	.28	.19	.35	.38	.35	.39	.51	(.03)
Effect of deferred tax limitation	(2.05)	(2.24)	(2.49)	(2.86)	(3.11)	(2.05)	(3.11)	(4.26)	-	-
Effect of trust preferred	.08	.08	.63	.67	1.00	.08	1.00	1.04	1.15	1.18
Effect of preferred equity	.15	.15	.17	-	-	.15	-	2.39	4.24	4.29
Basel III intangibles transition adjustment	.10	.13	.06	.04	-	.10	-	-	-	-
Basel III disallowed investments	(.03)	(.03)	(.03)	(.04)		(.03)				
Tier I capital ratio (Regulatory)	11.45%	11.40%	11.86%	11.53%	12.06%	11.45%	12.06%	12.74%	14.16%	13.69%

<sup>(1)</sup> December 31, September 30, June 30 and March 31, 2015 calculated under Basel III rules, which became effective January 1, 2015. Fourth quarter 2015 ratios are preliminary.

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Loan Portfolio Composition at Period-End

				20	15			2014	Linked	Ye	ar over
	F	ourth		Third	S	Second	First	 Fourth	Quarter		Year
(in millions)	Q	uarter	Q	uarter	Q	Juarter	Quarter	Quarter	Change	C	Change
LOANS BY CATEGORY											
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$	1,494	\$	1,479	\$	1,266	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,163	\$ 15	\$	331
Income producing commercial RE		824		818		689	636	599	6		225
Commercial & industrial		785		890		793	716	710	(105)		75
Commercial construction		342		319		238	 230	 196	23		146
Total commercial		3,445		3,506	_	2,986	2,749	 2,668	(61)		777
Residential mortgage		1,029		1,062		935	864	866	(33)		163
Home equity lines of credit		598		585		491	465	466	13		132
Residential construction		352		334		299	291	299	18		53
Consumer installment		571		537		463	419	373	34		198
Total loans	\$	5,995	\$	6,024	\$	5,174	\$ 4,788	\$ 4,672	(29)		1,323
LOANS BY MARKET											
North Georgia	\$	1,125	\$	1,130	\$	1,155	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,163	(5)		(38)
Atlanta MSA		1,259		1,266		1,275	1,254	1,243	(7)		16
North Carolina		549		546		533	539	553	3		(4)
Coastal Georgia		537		506		499	476	456	31		81
Gainesville MSA		254		252		257	255	257	2		(3)
East Tennessee		504		511		525	281	280	(7)		224
South Carolina		819		783		35	30	30	36		789
Specialized Lending		492		609		538	487	421	(117)		71
Indirect auto		456		421		357	316	269	35		187
Total loans	\$	5,995	\$	6,024	\$	5,174	\$ 4,788	\$ 4,672	(29)		1,323

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Loan Portfolio Composition at Year-End

(in millions)	2015	 2014	 2013	 2012	 2011
LOANS BY CATEGORY					
Owner occupied commercial RE	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,134	\$ 1,131	\$ 1,112
Income producing commercial RE	824	599	623	682	710
Commercial & industrial	785	710	472	458	428
Commercial construction	342	196	149	155	164
Total commercial	3,445	2,668	 2,378	 2,426	2,414
Residential mortgage	1,029	866	875	829	835
Home equity lines of credit	598	466	441	385	300
Residential construction	352	299	328	382	448
Consumer installment	571	373	307	153	113
Total loans	\$ 5,995	\$ 4,672	\$ 4,329	\$ 4,175	\$ 4,110
LOANS BY MARKET					
North Georgia	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,240	\$ 1,364	\$ 1,426
Atlanta MSA	1,259	1,243	1,235	1,204	1,144
North Carolina	549	553	572	579	597
Coastal Georgia	537	456	423	400	346
Gainesville MSA	254	257	255	261	265
East Tennessee	504	280	280	283	256
South Carolina	819	30	4	-	-
Specialized Lending	492	421	124	46	76
Indirect auto	456	269	196	38	-
Total loans	\$ 5,995	\$ 4,672	\$ 4,329	\$ 4,175	\$ 4,110

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. Financial Highlights Credit Quality

		F	ourth (	)uarter 2015			т	'hird (	)uarter 2015				S	econd (	Quarter 2015		
(in the second a)		erforming		reclosed	Total NPAs	Non	performing		oreclosed		tal PAs		erforming		reclosed		Total NPAs
(in thousands) NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY CATEGORY		Loans	Ph	operties	 NPAS		Loans	P	roperties	INI	PAS		Loans	Pr	operties		NPAS
Owner occupied CRE Income producing CRE Commercial & industrial Commercial construction	\$	7,036 2,595 892 328	\$	2,652 - - 437	\$ 9,688 2,595 892 765	\$	5,918 1,238 1,068 256	\$	882 4,084 - 657	\$	6,800 5,322 1,068 913	\$	4,878 883 1,389 59	\$	360 - - 382	\$	5,238 883 1,389 441
Total commercial Residential mortgage Home equity lines of credit Residential construction Consumer installment		10,851 8,555 851 1,398 998		3,089 1,242 80 472	13,940 9,797 931 1,870 998		8,480 8,847 890 929 918		5,623 1,454 87 505		14,103 10,301 977 1,434 918		7,209 8,599 940 1,358 699		742 1,373 54 187		7,951 9,972 994 1,545 699
Total NPAs	\$	22,653	\$	4,883	\$ 27,536	\$	20,064	\$	7,669	\$	27,733	\$	18,805	\$	2,356	\$	21,161
Balance as a % of Unpaid Principal		71.4%		34.2%	59.8%		70.3%		45.8%		61.2%		64.9%		46.6%		62.2%
NONPERFORMING ASSETS BY MARKET North Georgia Atlanta MSA North Carolina Coastal Georgia Gainesville MSA East Tennessee South Carolina Specialized Lending Indirect auto Total NPAs	\$ <u>\$</u>	5,167 3,023 5,289 2,079 307 3,448 323 2,231 786 22,653	\$	1,612 625 183 157 2,306 4,883	\$ 6,779 3,648 5,472 2,079 307 3,605 2,629 2,231 786 27,536	\$ \$	6,403 1,750 4,564 338 325 2,886 267 2,809 722 20,064	\$ \$	1,263 1,122 9 66 3 231 4,975 7,669	\$ \$	7,666 2,872 4,573 404 328 3,117 5,242 2,809 722 27,733	\$	6,157 2,361 4,746 659 864 1,885 - - 1,565 568 18,805	\$	657 135 690 22 852 - - - 2,356	\$ \$	6,814 2,496 5,436 659 886 2,737 - 1,565 568 21,161
NONPERFORMING ASSETS ACTIVITY Beginning Balance Acquisitions Loans placed on non-accrual Payments received Loan charge-offs Foreclosures Capitalized costs Property sales Write downs Net gains (losses) on sales Ending Balance	\$ <u>\$</u>	20,064 10,768 (4,893) (1,813) (1,473) 22,653	\$	7,669 (1,585) - - 1,497 - (2,968) 11 259 4,883	\$ 27,733 (1,585) 10,768 (4,893) (1,813) 24 (2,968) 11 259 27,536	\$ \$	18,805 8,923 (4,233) (1,531) (1,900) - - - 20,064	\$ \$	2,356 4,848 1,900 256 (1,916) (79) 304 7,669	\$ \$	21,161 4,848 8,923 (4,233) (1,531) - 256 (1,916) (79) 304 27,733	\$ \$	19,015 6,552 (3,839) (1,854) (1,069) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ \$	1,158 962 - 1,069 - (895) (9) 71 2,356	\$ \$	20,173 962 6,552 (3,839) (1,854) - (895) (9) 71 21,161
		F	ourth	Quarter 2015	Thire	l Qua	rter 2015	_	Second Qua	arter 201	5						

		Fourth Qua	rter 2015	_	Third Quai	rter 2015		Second Qua	arter 2015
		Net	Net Charge- Offs to Average		Net	Net Charge- Offs to Average	1	Net	Net Charge- Offs to Average
(in thousands)	Ch	arge-Offs	Loans (1)	Ch	arge-Offs	Loans (1)	Char	ge-Offs	Loans (1)
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY CATEGORY	_								
Owner occupied CRE	\$	861	.23%	\$	236	.07%	\$	285	.09%
Income producing CRE		(35)	(.02)		(106)	(.06)		(276)	(.17)
Commercial & industrial		(719)	(.34)		190	.09		(627)	(.33)
Commercial construction		253	.31		59	.09		96	.16
Total commercial	_	360	.04		379	.05		(522)	(.07)
Residential mortgage		(120)	(.05)		433	.18		787	.35
Home equity lines of credit		194	.13		293	.22		322	.27
Residential construction		415	.48		(124)	(.16)		107	.14
Consumer installment	_	453	.33		436	.35		284	.26
Total	\$	1,302	.09	\$	1,417	.10	\$	978	.08
NET CHARGE-OFFS BY MARKET									
North Georgia	\$	1,011	.36%	\$	1,352	.47%	\$	911	.32%
Atlanta MSA		496	.16		74	.02		138	.04
North Carolina		426	.31		183	.13		176	.13
Coastal Georgia		47	.04		19	.02		(40)	(.03)
Gainesville MSA		(340)	(.54)		(236)	(.36)		(233)	(.36)
East Tennessee		(326)	(.26)		153	.12		127	.11
South Carolina		(474)	(.24)		(247)	(.34)		-	- (17)
Specialized Lending Indirect auto		253 209	.18		(42)	(.03)		(224)	(.17)
			.19	<i>•</i>	161	.17	*	123	.14
Total	\$	1,302	.09	\$	1,417	.10	\$	978	.08

<sup>(1)</sup> Annualized.

### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

Consolidated Statement of Income (Unaudited) Three Months Ended Twelve Months Ended December 31, December 31, (in thousands, except per share data) 2015 2014 2015 2014 Interest revenue: Loans, including fees \$ 63,442 \$ 50,677 \$ 223,256 \$ 196,279 Investment securities, including tax exempt of \$189, \$180, \$705 and \$738 14,952 12,375 51,848 48,493 Deposits in banks and short-term investments 968 903 3,428 3,660 Total interest revenue 79,362 63,955 278,532 248,432 Interest expense: Deposits: **NOW** 426 435 1.505 1.651 Money market 1,006 868 3,466 3,060 Savings 27 20 98 81 Time 922 1.623 3,756 7,133 Total deposit interest expense 2,381 2,946 8,825 11,925 Short-term borrowings 96 364 2,160 85 Federal Home Loan Bank advances 436 339 1,743 912 Long-term debt 2,696 2,640 10,177 10,554 Total interest expense 5,598 6,021 21,109 25,551 Net interest revenue 73,764 57,934 257,423 222.881 Provision for credit losses 300 1,800 3,700 8,500 Net interest revenue after provision for credit losses 73,464 56,134 253,723 214,381 Fee revenue: 33,073 Service charges and fees 11,500 8,446 36,825 3,290 13,592 Mortgage loan and other related fees 2.111 7.520 Brokerage fees 1,058 1,176 5,041 4,807 Gains from sales of government guaranteed loans 1,995 926 6,276 2,615 2,255 378 208 4.871 Securities gains, net Loss from prepayment of debt (1,294) (4, 446)Other 3,063 1,956 9,834 7,114 Total fee revenue 21.284 14,823 72,529 55,554 269,935 **Total revenue** 94,748 70.957 326,252 **Operating expenses:** Salaries and employee benefits 32,939 26,592 116,688 100,941 Communications and equipment 4,735 15,273 12,523 3,153 4,666 3,448 15,372 13,513 Occupancy Advertising and public relations 978 802 3,667 3,461 Postage, printing and supplies 1,293 1,086 4,273 3,542 Professional fees 3,331 2,034 10,175 7,907 FDIC assessments and other regulatory charges 1.463 883 5.106 4,792 Merger-related and other charges 9,078 17,995 Other 7,005 3,921 22,689 16,186 Total operating expenses 65,488 41,919 211,238 162,865 107,070 Net income before income taxes 29,260 29,038 115,014 Income tax expense 11,052 10,791 43,436 39,450 Net income 18,208 18,247 71,578 67,620 Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion 67 439 25 18,183 Net income available to common shareholders 18,247 71,511 \$ 67,181 Earnings per common share: \$ .30 \$ 1.09 \$ 1.11 Basic .25 \$ .25 Diluted .30 1.09 1.11 Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic 72,135 60,830 65,488 60,588 60,833 65,492 60,590 Diluted 72,140

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

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)		
(in thousands, except share and per share data)	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 86,912	\$ 77,180
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	153,451	89,074
Short-term investments	-	26,401
Cash and cash equivalents	240,363	192,655
Securities available for sale	2,291,511	1,782,734
Securities held to maturity (fair value \$371,658 and \$425,233)	364,696	415,267
Mortgage loans held for sale	24,231	13,737
Loans, net of unearned income	5,995,441	4,672,119
Less allowance for loan losses	(68,448)	(71,619)
Loans, net	5,926,993	4,600,500
Premises and equipment, net	178,165	159,390
Bank owned life insurance	105,493	81,294
Accrued interest receivable	25,786	20,103
Net deferred tax asset	197,613	215,503
Derivative financial instruments	20,082	20,599
Goodwill and other intangible assets	147,420	3,641
Other assets		
	103,755	61,563
Total assets	\$ 9,626,108	\$ 7,566,986
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Demand	\$ 2,204,755	\$ 1,574,317
NOW	1,975,884	1,504,887
Money market	1,599,637	1,273,283
Savings	471,129	292,308
Time:		
Less than \$100,000	830,301	748,478
Greater than \$100,000	452,502	508,228
Brokered	346,881	425,011
Total deposits	7,881,089	6,326,512
Short-term borrowings	16,640	6,000
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	430,125	270,125
Long-term debt	165,620	129,865
Derivative financial instruments	28,825	31,997
Unsettled securities purchases	20,025	5,425
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	85,522	57,485
Total liabilities	8,607,823	6,827,409
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized;		
Series H; \$1,000 stated value; 9,992 and 0 shares issued and outstanding	9,992	-
Common stock, \$1 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized;		
66,198,477 and 50,178,605 shares issued and outstanding	66,198	50,178
Common stock, non-voting, \$1 par value; 26,000,000 shares authorized;		
5,285,516 and 10,080,787 shares issued and outstanding	5,286	10,081
Common stock issuable; 458,953 and 357,983 shares	6,779	5,168
Capital surplus	1,286,361	1,080,508
Accumulated deficit	(330,879)	(387,568)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(25,452)	(18,790)
Total shareholders' equity	1,018,285	739,577
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 9,626,108	\$ 7,566,986
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### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

**Average Consolidated Balance Sheets and Net Interest Analysis** For the Three Months Ended December 31.

		2015			2014	
	Average	•	Avg.	Average	•	Avg.
(dollars in thousands, taxable equivalent) Assets:	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate
Assets: Interest-earning assets:						
Loans, net of unearned income $^{(1)(2)}$	\$ 5,975,491	\$ 63,509	4.22%	\$ 4,620,517	\$ 50,883	4.37%
Taxable securities <sup>(3)</sup>						
	2,575,846	14,763	2.29	2,202,986	12,195	2.21
Tax-exempt securities <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	30,748	309	4.02	18,579	295	6.35
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets	210,341	1,065	2.03	170,703	980	2.30
Total interest-earning assets	8,792,426	79,646	3.60	7,012,785	64,353	3.65
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Allowance for loan losses	(69,743)			(72,534)		
Cash and due from banks	88,057			73,973		
Premises and equipment	192,040			160,049		
Other assets <sup>(3)</sup>	554,974			391,097		
Total assets	\$ 9,557,754			\$ 7,565,370		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Interest-bearing deposits:						
NOW	\$ 1,865,305	426	.09	\$ 1,481,414	435	.12
Money market	1,897,364	1,006	.21	1,433,680	868	.24
Savings	465,993	27	.02	291,163	20	.03
Time less than \$100,000	848,469	617	.29	761,850	814	.42
Time greater than \$100,000	469,301	390	.33	520,937	763	.58
Brokered time deposits	258,698	(85)	(.13)	273,706	46	.07
Total interest-bearing deposits	5,805,130	2,381	.16	4,762,750	2,946	.25
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings	40,148	85	.84	24,750	96	1.54
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	191,484	436	.90	193,549	339	.69
Long-term debt	165,620	2,696	6.46	129,865	2,640	8.07
Total borrowed funds	397,252	3,217	3.21	348,164	3,075	3.50
Total interest-bearing liabilities	6,202,382	5,598	.36	5,110,914	6,021	.47
Non-interest-bearing liabilities:						
Non-interest-bearing deposits	2,223,011			1,620,635		
Other liabilities	111,757			95,679		
Total liabilities	8,537,150			6,827,228		
Shareholders' equity	1,020,604			738,142		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 9,557,754			\$ 7,565,370		
Net interest revenue		\$ 74,048			\$ 58,332	
Net interest-rate spread		φ /4,040	3.24%		φ 30,332	3.18%
net metescrate spread			3.24 70			3.1870
Net interest margin <sup>(4)</sup>			3.34%			3.31%

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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 \$7.45 million in 2015 and pretax unrealized gains of \$8.59 million in 2014 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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 Twelve Months Ended December 31.

		2015			2014	
(dellare in de sur ander sou inder sou inder st	Average	T	Avg.	Average	Testernet	Avg.
(dollars in thousands, taxable equivalent)	Balance	Interest	Rate	Balance	Interest	Rate
Assets: Interest-earning assets:						
Loans, net of unearned income $^{(1)(2)}$	¢ 5 007 607	¢ ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	4 220/	¢ 4 450 369	¢ 107.020	4 470/
	\$ 5,297,687	\$ 223,713	4.22%	\$ 4,450,268	\$ 197,039	4.43%
Taxable securities <sup>(3)</sup>	2,342,533	51,143	2.18	2,255,084	47,755	2.12
Tax-exempt securities $^{(1)(3)}$	25,439	1,154	4.54	19,279	1,209	6.27
Federal funds sold and other interest-earning assets	168,494	3,799	2.25	155,803	3,966	2.55
Total interest-earning assets	7,834,153	279,809	3.57	6,880,434	249,969	3.63
Non-interest-earning assets:						
Allowance for loan losses	(71,001)			(75,237)		
Cash and due from banks	81,244			67,818		
Premises and equipment	174,835			161,391		
Other assets <sup>(3)</sup>	442,878			401,240		
Total assets	\$ 8,462,109			\$ 7,435,646		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity:						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Interest-bearing deposits:						
NOW	\$ 1,563,911	1,505	.10	\$ 1,396,373	1,651	.12
Money market	1,678,765	3,466	.21	1,389,837	3,060	.22
Savings	372,414	98	.03	277,351	81	.03
Time less than \$100,000	788,737	2,840	.36	811,846	3,636	.45
Time greater than \$100,000	480,623	1,983	.41	551,027	3,373	.61
Brokered time deposits	269,162	(1,067)	(.40)	293,657	124	.04
Total interest-bearing deposits	5,153,612	8,825	.17	4,720,091	11,925	.25
Federal funds purchased and other borrowings	49,301	364	.74	74,541	2,160	2.90
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	250,404	1,743	.70	175,481	912	.52
Long-term debt	139,979	10,177	7.27	129,865	10,554	8.13
Total borrowed funds	439,684	12,284	2.79	379,887	13,626	3.59
Total interest-bearing liabilities	5,593,296	21,109	.38	5,099,978	25,551	.50
Non-interest-bearing liabilities:						
Non-interest-bearing deposits	1,901,521			1,507,944		
Other liabilities	97,890			107,523		
Total liabilities	7,592,707			6,715,445		
Shareholders' equity	869,402			720,201		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 8,462,109			\$ 7,435,646		
Net interest revenue		\$ 258,700			\$ 224,418	
Net interest-rate spread		<u> </u>	3.19%		<u> </u>	3.13%
Net interest margin <sup>(4)</sup>			3.30%			3.26%

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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 \$11.4 million in 2015 and pretax unrealized gains of \$3.36 million in 2014 are included in other assets for purposes of this presentation.

<sup>(4)</sup> Net interest margin is taxable equivalent net-interest revenue divided by average interest-earning assets.

Exhibit 99.2

# UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. FOURTH QUARTER 2015 INVESTOR PRESENTATION





### Disclosures

### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

This investor presentation may contain 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 Community Banks, Inc.'s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K and its most recent guarterly report on Form 10-Q under the sections entitled "Forward-Looking Statements." Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements.

### NON-GAAP MEASURES

This presentation also contains financial measures determined by methods other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Such non-GAAP financial measures include: operating net income, operating net income available to common shareholders, operating diluted income per common share, operating ROE, operating ROA, operating



efficiency ratio, operating dividend payout ratio, core fee revenue, core operating expense, core earnings, tangible common equity to tangible assets, tangible equity to tangible assets and tangible common equity to riskweighted assets. The most comparable GAAP measures to these measures are: net income, net income available to common shareholders, diluted income per common share, ROE, ROA, efficiency ratio, dividend payout ratio, fee revenue, operating expense, net income, and equity to assets.

Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures because we believe they are useful for evaluating our operations and performance over periods of time, as well as in managing and evaluating our business and in discussions about our operations and performance. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures provide users of our financial information with a meaningful measure for assessing our financial results and credit trends, as well as for comparison to financial results for prior periods. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as a substitute for financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP and may not be comparable to other similarly titled financial measures used by other companies. For a reconciliation of the differences between our non-GAAP financial measures and the most comparable GAAP measures, please refer to the 'Non-GAAP Reconcilement Tables' at the end of this presentation.



## Fourth Quarter 2015 Highlights

			4Q15	3Q15	4Q14	
	(\$ in millions)	Operating <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 23.8	\$ 21.7	\$ 18.2	
		GAAP	18.2	17.9	18.2	
	EPS	Operating <sup>(1)</sup>	.33	.33	.30	
		GAAP	.25	.27	.30	
	ROA	Operating <sup>(1)</sup>	.99%	1.00%	.96%	
		GAAP	.76	.82	.96	
	ROTCE	Operating <sup>(1)</sup>	10.87	10.29	9.74	
	ROCE	GAAP	7.02	7.85	9.60	
	ROCE	0/01				
	KOCE	Improving Qu		esults		
Net Interest Revenue	<ul> <li>\$74.0 Million – Loa</li> <li>Increased \$8.3 r</li> <li>Average loans to from 4Q14</li> <li>Margin increase</li> </ul>	Improving Qu an Growth and Margi nillion (Palmetto - \$7. otaled \$6.0 billion in 4 d to 3.34% vs. 3.26%	iarterly Re in Yields Posit 0 million) from Q15 up \$518 n in 3Q15 and 3	ive Net Interes 3Q15 and \$15 hillion (9.5%) fr .31% in 4Q14	7 million from 4Q om 3Q15 and \$1.	14 6 billion (29
	<ul> <li>\$74.0 Million – Loa</li> <li>Increased \$8.3 r</li> <li>Average loans to from 4Q14</li> <li>Margin increase</li> <li>Loan yield of</li> </ul>	Improving Qu an Growth and Margi nillion (Palmetto - \$7. otaled \$6.0 billion in 4	iarterly Re in Yields Posit 0 million) from Q15 up \$518 n in 3Q15 and 3 3Q15; taxable	ive Net Interes 3Q15 and \$15 hillion (9.5%) fr .31% in 4Q14 securities yield	7 million from 4Q om 3Q15 and \$1. d of 2.29%, up 16	14 6 billion (29



## Fourth Quarter 2015 Highlights

	Improving Quarterly Results
Loan Growth	<ul> <li>Growth in Many Sectors of the Portfolio</li> <li>Loan growth, excluding healthcare sale and acquisitions, of \$162 million, or 11% annualized, from 3Q15 and \$444 million year-to-date, or 10%</li> <li>Strong loan production of \$590 million vs. \$452 million in 3Q15 and \$401 million in 4Q14</li> </ul>
Core Transaction Deposits	<ul> <li>\$5.3 Billion – Growing Lower Cost Core Transaction Deposits (Excludes Time Deposits)</li> <li>Increased \$524 million (14%) from 4Q14 (excluding acquisitions)</li> <li>Represents 70% of total customer deposits</li> </ul>
Credit Quality	<ul> <li>Outstanding Credit Performance</li> <li>Provision \$300 thousand – decreased \$400 thousand from 3Q15 and \$1.5 million from 4Q14</li> <li>Net charge-offs to loans of 9bps (or .09%) - decreased 1bp from 3Q15 and 13bp from 4Q14</li> <li>NPAs were .29% of total assets vs29% in 3Q15 and .26% in 4Q14</li> <li>Allowance 1.14% (1.35% excluding mergers) of total loans vs. 1.15% (1.37% excluding mergers) at 3Q15 and 1.53% at 4Q14</li> </ul>
Capital Ratios	<ul> <li>Solid and Well-Capitalized <sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>Quarterly dividend of 6 cents per share</li> <li>Tier I Common to Risk Weighted Assets of 11.5% and Tier I Leverage of 8.3%</li> <li>Tier I Risk Based Capital of 11.5% and Total Risk Based Capital of 12.5%</li> </ul>
Acquisitions	<ul> <li>Executing on Acquisitions and Integration in 2015</li> <li>Closed merger with Palmetto Bancshares, Inc. (The Palmetto Bank: "Palmetto") on Sept. 1</li> <li>Systems conversion for Palmetto scheduled for February 20, 2016</li> <li>Closed merger with MoneyTree Corporation (First National Bank: "FNB") on May 1</li> <li>Completed systems conversion for FNB in July</li> </ul>
4Q15 capital ratios are	e preliminary estimates ucbi.

### Trends Core Earnings, Fee Revenue, and Operating Expenses



	Earnings x, pre-credit)			Core F		Core Operating Expenses						
\$ in	thousands			\$ in 1	thousands			\$				
		Variance -	Incr/(Decr)			Varianc	e - Incr/(Decr)			Variance	- Incr/(Decr)	
	4Q15	3Q15	4Q14		4Q15	3Q15	4Q14		4Q15	3Q15	4Q14	
Net Interest Revenue	\$ 74,048	\$ 8,330	\$ 15,716	Overdraft Fees	\$ 3,872	\$ 56	3 \$ 936	Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$ 32,603	\$ 3,044	\$ 6,426	
Core Fee Revenue	20,756	2,308	6,203	Interchange Fees	5,445	1,08	1,468	Communications & Equipment	4,735	772	1,582	
Gross Revenue	94,804	10,638	21,919	Other Service Charges	2,183	51	650	Occupancy	4,666	653	1,218	
Core Operating Expenses	56,477	7,713	14,396	Total Service Charges and Fees	11,500	2,16		FDIC Assessment	1,463	327	580	
Core Earnings	38,327	2,925	7,523	Mortgage Loan & Related Fees	3,290	(55)		Advertising & Public Relations	978	166	176	
Non-Core Fee Revenue(1)	528	679	258	Brokerage Fees	1,058	(14)		Postage, Printing & Supplies	1,293	244	207	
Non-Core Operating Expenses (1)	(9,011)	(3,506)	(9,173)	Gains from SBA Loan Sales	1,995	34		Professional Fees	3,331	663	1,297	
				Other	2,913	48		Other Expense	7,408	1,844	2,910	
Provision for credit losses	(300)	400	1,500	Core Fee Revenue	20,756	2,30		Core Operating Expenses	56,477	7,713	14,396	
Income taxes	(11,336)	(177)	(147)	Non-Core Fee Revenue (1)	528	67		Non-Core Operating Expenses (1) Reported - GAAP	9,011 \$ 65,488	3,506	9,173	
Reported - GAAP	\$ 18,208	\$ 321	\$ (39)	Reported - GAAP	\$ 21,284	\$ 2,98		Reported - GAAP	a 00,488	\$ 11,219	\$ 23,569	
Net Interest Margin	3.34 %	.08 9	6 .03 %					·				

(1) See Non-GAAP Reconciliation Tables slide at the conclusion of this presentation for a reconciliation of core disclosures to GAAP disclosures

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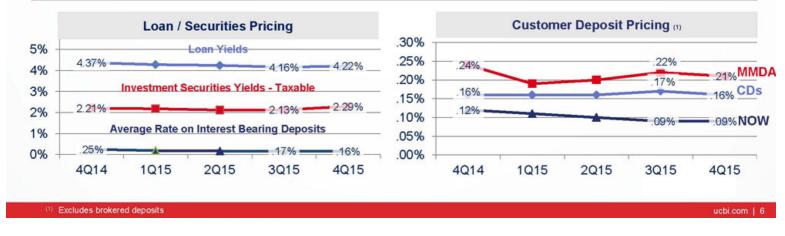
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### Key Drivers of Net Interest Revenue / Margin

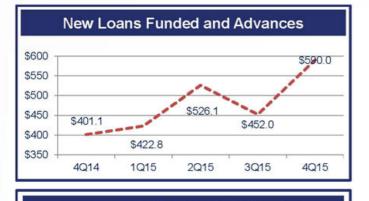


### Net Interest Revenue Key Drivers





\$ in millions



				Variance-	Incr(Decr
	4Q15	3Q15	4Q14	3Q15	4Q14
Commercial & Industrial	\$ 160.5	\$ 94.8	\$ 116.0	\$ 65.7	\$ 44.5
Owner Occupied CRE	84.4	51.4	56.0	33.0	28.4
Income Producing CRE	100.1	95.6	45.9	4.5	54.2
Commercial Constr.	16.3	8.3	6.0	8.0	10.3
Total Commercial	361.3	250.1	223.9	111.2	137.4
Residential Mortgage	34.7	41.4	32.7	(6.7)	2.0
Residential HELOC	41.6	44.5	36.9	(2.9)	4.7
Residential Construction	58.3	54.2	40.8	4.1	17.5
Consumer	94.1	61.8	66.8	32.3	27.3
Total	\$ 590.0	\$ 452.0	\$ 401.1	\$ 138.0	\$ 188.9

							Va	riance-	Incr	(Decr)
	4	Q15	3	Q15	4	Q14	3	Q15	4	Q14
Atlanta	\$	94.7	\$	86.7	\$	90.4	\$	8.0	\$	4.3
Coastal Georgia		59.2		28.2		34.0		31.0		25.2
N. Georgia		61.0		58.1		54.1		2.9		6.9
North Carolina		27.6		28.2		33.1		(.6)		(5.5
Tennessee		27.3		27.5		23.1		(.2)		4.2
Gainesville		21.5		11.7		14.3		9.8		7.2
South Carolina	-	68.3		16.1		7.5		52.2		60.8
Total Community Banks		359.6		256.5		256.5		103.1		103.1
Asset-based Lending		18.4		17.1		1.4		1.3		17.0
Commercial RE		47.5		57.5		17.0		(10.0)		30.5
Healthcare		-		19.8		53.7		(19.8)		(53.7
Middle Market		48.2		7.5		11.0		40.7		37.2
SBA		24.1		26.5		9.1		(2.4)		15.0
Builder Finance		19.2		21.4		-		(2.2)		19.2
Total Specialized Lending	8	157.4	0 X	149.8	10	92.2		7.6		65.2
Indirect Auto		73.0		45.7		52.4		27.3		20.6
Total	\$	590.0	s	452.0	\$	401.1	\$	138.0	\$	188.9

(1) Represents new loans funded and net loan advances (net of payments on lines of credit)

### **Balance Sheet Growth** Loan Mix





	b	y C	Oans Catego millions	ry			
	2011		2012	:	2013	2014	2015
Commercial C & I	\$ 428	\$	458	\$	472	\$ 710	\$ 785
Ow ner-Occupied CRE	1,112		1,131		1,134	1,163	1,494
Income-Producing CRE	710		682		623	599	824
Commercial Constr.	164		155		149	196	342
Total Commercial	2,414		2,426		2,378	2,668	3,445
Residential Mortgage	835		829		875	866	1,029
Residential HELOC	300		385		441	466	598
Residential Construction	448		382		328	299	352
Consumer	113		115		111	104	115
Indirect Auto	-		38		196	269	456
Total Loans	\$ 4,110	\$	4,175	\$	4,329	\$ 4,672	\$ 5,995

		Loan by Regio	on			
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
North Georgia	\$ 1,426	\$ 1,364	\$ 1,240	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,125	
Atlanta MSA	1,144	1,204	1,235	1,243	1,259	
North Carolina	597	579	572	553	549	
Coastal Georgia	346	400	423	456	537	
Gainesville MSA	265	261	255	257	254	
East Tennessee	256	283	280	280	504	(1)
South Carolina	-	-	4	30	819	(2
Total Community Banks	4,034	4,091	4,009	3,982	5,047	
Specialized Lending	76	46	124	421	492	
Indirect Auto	-	38	196	269	456	(3
Total Loans	\$ 4,110	\$ 4,175	\$ 4,329	\$ 4,672	\$ 5,995	-

## **Balance Sheet Growth**

UNITED United

Customer Deposit Mix



	b		egory ions			
	2	011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Non-Interest Bearing Core						
Demand Deposit	\$	955	\$ 1,188	\$ 1,311	\$ 1,471	\$ 2,089
Interest Bearing Core						
NOW		719	654	659	668	1,10
MMDA	1	,030	1,145	1,218	1,259	1,584
Savings		198	226	250	292	46
Total Interest Bearing Core	1	,947	2,025	2,127	2,219	3,16
Total Core Deposits	2	902	3,213	3,438	3,690	5,25
Time (Customer)						
Less than \$100,000	1	,121	1,050	888	744	823
Greater than \$100,000	1	,012	674	557	479	42
Total Time	2	2,133	1,724	1,445	1,223	1,25
Public Funds		884	770	894	989	1,03
Brokered		179	245	412	425	34
Total Deposits	\$6	8,098	\$ 5,952	\$6,189	\$6,327	\$ 7,88

	k	oy Cat		ory & nillion		gion	l)				
	2	011	2	012	2	013	2	014	2	015	
Demand Deposit	\$	185	\$	232	\$	123	\$	161	\$	618	
NOW		(84)		(65)		4		9		441	
MMDA		150		115		73		41		325	
Savings		15		29		24		41		177	
Growth by Category	/ S	266	s	311	\$	224	\$	252	\$	1,561	
Atlanta MSA	\$	102	\$	160	\$	75	\$	84	\$	223	
North Georgia		81		41		62		90		158	
North Carolina		27		47		42		35		63	
Coastal Georgia		20		38		2		22		24	
East Tennessee		21		9		4		8		234	
Gainesville MSA		15		16		19		10		34	(1)
South Carolina		-		-		20		3		825	(2)
Growth by Region	s	266	s	311	S	224	\$	252	S.	1,561	

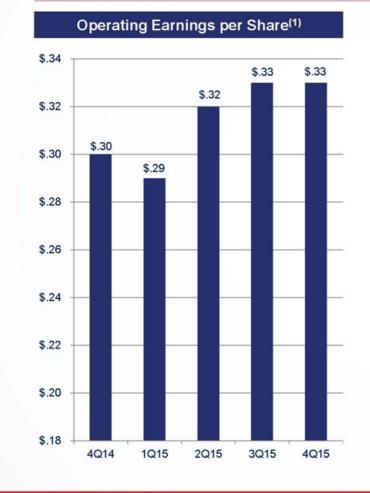
## Credit Quality



### \$ in millions

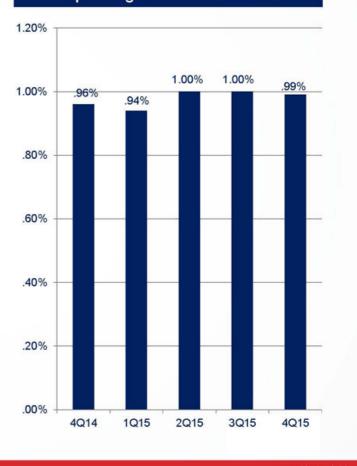
	 4Q15		3Q15		2Q15		3	1Q15		8	4Q14	_
Net Charge-offs	\$ 1.3		\$ 1.4		\$ 1.0		\$	2.6		\$	2.5	
as % of Average Loans	0.09	%	0.10	%	0.08	%		0.22	%		0.22	9
Allowance for Loan Losses	\$ 68.4		\$ 69.1		\$ 70.1		\$	70.0		\$	71.6	
as % of Total Loans	1.14	%	1.15	%	1.36	%		1.46	%		1.53	4
as % of Total Loans, Excluding Merger	1.35		1.37		1.42							
as % of NPLs	302		344		373			368			401	
Past Due Loans (30 - 89 Days)	0.26	%	0.27	%	0.24	%		0.25	%		0.31	0
Non-Performing Loans	\$ 22.6		\$ 20.0		\$ 18.8		\$	19.0		\$	17.9	
OREO	4.9		7.7		2.4			1.2			1.7	
Total NPAs	27.5	-	27.7		21.2	-		20.2	-		19.6	
Performing Classified Loans	127.5		136.0		115.7			121.7			128.4	
Total Classified Assets	\$ 155.0		\$ 163.7		\$ 136.9		\$	141.9		\$	148.0	7
as % of Tier 1 / Allow ance	17	%	18	%	18	%		20	%		20	_
Accruing TDRs (see page 27)	\$ 83.0		\$ 84.6		\$ 86.1		\$	82.3		\$	81.3	
As % of Original Principal Balance												
Non-Performing Loans	71.4	%	70.3	%	64.9	%		72.0	%		69.9	0
OREO	34.2		45.8		46.6			56.6			54.1	
Total NPAs												
as % of Total Assets	0.29		0.29		0.26			0.26			0.26	
as % of Loans & OREO	0.46		0.46		0.41			0.42			0.42	
as % of Loans & OREO	0.40		0.46		0.41			0.42			U	1.42

## Operating Earnings per Share and Operating Return on Assets



Operating Return on Assets<sup>(1)</sup>

COMMUNITY BANK



(1) Excludes the effect of merger-related and other non-operating charges

## Capital Ratios<sup>(1)</sup>



Holding Company	Well-Cap	4Q15 <sup>(2)</sup>	3Q15	2Q15	1Q15	4Q14
Tier I Risk-Based Capital	8.0%	11.5%	11.4%	11.9%	11.5%	12.1%
Total Risk-Based Capital	10.0	12.5	12.5	13.1	12.8	13.3
Leverage	5.0	8.3	9.1	9.1	8.7	8.7
Tier I Common Risk-Based Capital	6.5	11.5	11.4	11.9	11.5	11.1
Tangible Common Equity to Risk-Weighted Assets		12.8	13.1	13.2	13.5	13.8
Tangible Equity to Assets		9.4	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7
Bank	Well-Cap	4Q15 <sup>(2)</sup>	3Q15	2Q15	1Q15	4Q14
Tier I Risk-Based Capital	8.0%	13.0%	12.9%	12.0%	11.8%	12.9%
Total Risk-Based Capital	10.0	14.1	14.0	13.2	13.1	14.1
Leverage	5.0	9.5	10.3	9.1	8.9	9.3
(1) Effective January 1, 2015, all regulatory ratios cal	culated under Basel III	rules (2) 4Q15 capita	I ratios are preliminary o	estimates		ucbi.con

## **Strategic Principles**



### Leverage Our Strengths

- Community bank service with large bank resources
- Strong local leadership and senior management
- Combination of growing metro markets legacy markets with high deposit market share
- Consistent and attractive culture
- Class leading customer satisfaction

- Continue to deepen commercial and retail capabilities
  - Diversify portfolio focus on: C&I; CRE owner occupied; Specialized Lending for corporate, asset-based, SBA and builder finance
  - Invest in people with strong recruiting and training plans
  - Grow loans in mid- to upper-single digits
- Improve retail and small business bank
  - · Grow sales with better / diversified product design, merchandising and campaign execution
  - Improve our technology with a focus on making it easy for our customers to bank with us
  - Increase core transaction deposits in the mid-single digits
- Grow net interest revenue through solid loan growth and slight margin expansion, if rates continue to rise
- Credit quality trends continue and costs increase slightly from current levels
- Grow fee revenue by investing in mortgage, advisory services, SBA capabilities and product pricing reviews
- Maintain operating efficiency below 58 percent
- Seek acquisition opportunities that fit our culture and risk and return targets

## United Acquisition of MoneyTree Corporation / FNB



Date Closed: Conversion Complete	May 1, 2015 d: July 2015
Pricing	Summary
Aggregate Deal Value:	\$52 million
Price Per Share:	\$63.59
Price / 2014 EPS:	19.9x
Price / TBV:	1.4x
Consideration Mix:	80% Stock - 2.36 million shares issued 20% Cash - \$10.7 million



United COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

MoneyTree Corporation (First National Bank)		Deal Highlights
Founded:	1907	<ul> <li>107 year old community bank</li> </ul>
Headquarters:	Lenoir City, TN	<ul> <li>Doubles UCBI's East Tennessee presence</li> </ul>
Total Assets:	\$425 million	<ul> <li>Increased presence in key markets of Knoxville, Lenoir City and Cleveland</li> </ul>
Deposits:	\$354 million	
Consolidated TCE <sup>(1)</sup> :	\$39 million	<ul> <li>Meaningful cost synergies resulting from significant branch overlap – consolidated six branches 3Q15</li> <li>1% 5D0 exercise in 2015 2010 and 2017</li> </ul>
FY 2014 ROAA:	.64%	
NPAs / Assets:	.28%	<ul> <li>1% EPS accretion in 2015; 3% in 2016 and 2017</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Tangible book value dilution of &lt; 1% and breakeven in &lt; 3 years</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Nominal impact on UCBI's capital ratios</li> </ul>

Data Source: SNL Financial and Company Documents; financial data as of 12/31/14 Including the conversion of the Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock



# United Acquisition of Palmetto Bancshares

$\square$	Date Closed: Planned Conversion:	September 1, 2015 February 2016	Travelars Rest
PALMETTO BANCSHARES, INC.	Pricing	Summary	Travelers Rest Green Spartanburg Easley Green Spartanburg
merged with	Aggregate Deal Value:	\$241 million	Simpsonville Union
merged with	Price Per Share:	\$18.53	
	Price / 2016 EPS:	19.5x	G Anderson Laurens Whitmire
<b>U</b> United	Price / TBV:	1.8x	
UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC*	Consideration Mix:	70% Stock - 8.70 million shares issued 30% Cash - \$74.0 million	Greenwood

Palme	etto Bancshares, Inc.		Deal Highlights
Founded:	1906		Continues Southeastern metro market expansion
Headquarters:	Greenville, SC	•	Accelerated Greenville expansion and leverages existing, on-the-
Total Assets:	\$1,173 million		ground, senior leadership and in-market resources
Loans:\$836 millionDeposits:\$967 millionTangible Common Eq.\$136 million			High-quality franchise, founded 109 years ago, with deep community roots
			Shared community banking philosophy driven by client focus, local expertise, and cultural fit
ROA:	1.0%		Strong core deposit base (.04% overall cost of deposits)
ROE:	8.3%		Significant cost synergies enhance deal economics
TCE / TA	11.6%		Low execution risk and attractive returns
Data Source: SNL Financial ar	d Company Documents; financial data as of Q1-2015		Double-digit EPS accretion in 2017, TBV earnback < 5 years, IRR > 20%



## Non-GAAP Reconciliation Tables

\$ in	thousands	
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busands		4Q15		3Q15		2Q15		1Q15		4Q14	
Net Income	-11-		2015						. 16		
Operating net income	\$	23,800	\$	21,726	\$	19,989	\$	17,670	\$	18,247	
Merger-related and other charges		(9,078)		(5,744)		(3,173)		-		-	
Tax benefit on merger-related and other charges		3,486		1,905		997	-	-		-	
Net Income (GAAP)	\$	18,208	\$	17,887	\$	17,813	\$	17,670	\$	18,247	
Earnings per Share			- 13	100-12	1014						
Operating earnings per share	\$	0.33	\$	0.33	\$	0.32	\$	0.29	\$	0.30	
Merger-related and other charges		(0.08)		(0.06)		(0.04)		-		-	
Earnings per share (GAAP)	\$	0.25	\$	0.27	\$	0.28	\$	0.29	\$	0.30	
Return on Assets											
Operating return on assets		0.99	%	1.00	%	1.00	%	0.94	%	0.96	%
Merger-related and other charges		(0.23)		(0.18)		(0.11)		-		-	
Return on assets (GAAP)		0.76	%	0.82	%	0.89	%	0.94	%	0.96	%
Return on Tangible Common Equity											
Operating return on tangible common equity		10.87	%	10.29	%	10.20	%	9.46	%	9.74	%
Effect of goodw ill and intangibles		(1.69)		(0.75)		(0.30)		(0.12)	i	(0.14)	
Return on tangible common equity	100	9.18	e - 692	9.54	00 100	9.90		9.34		9.60	
Effect of merger-related charges		(2.16)		(1.69)		(1.07)		-		-	
Return on common equity (GAAP)		7.02	%	7.85	%	8.83	%	9.34	%	9.60	%
Allow ance as a % of Loans, Excluding Acquired Loans											
Allow ance as a % of loans, excluding acquired loans		1.35	%	1.37	%	1.42	%	1.46	%	1.53	%
Allow ance coverage of loans acquired through merger	_	(0.21)		(0.22)		(0.06)		-		-	
Allow ance as a % of loans (GAAP)		1.14	%	1.15	%	1.36	%	1.46	%	1.53	%



## Non-GAAP Reconciliation Tables

\$ in t	housand	s
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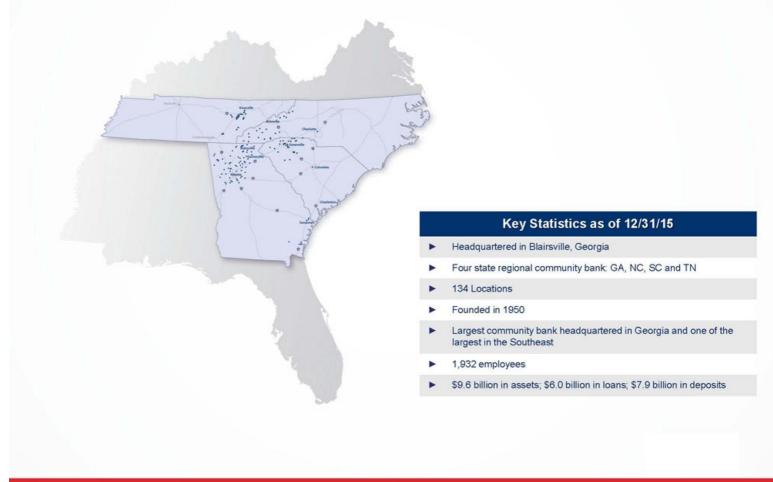
ousands		4Q15	3Q15		_	2Q15	1Q15		_	4Q14
Core Fee Revenue	.015						240		-	
Core fee revenue	\$	20,756	\$	18,448	\$	17,220	\$	15,120	\$	14,553
Securities gains, net		378		325		13		1,539		208
Losses on prepayment of borrow ings		-		(256)		-		(1,038)		-
Mark to market on deferred compensation plan assets		150		(220)		33		61		62
Non-core fee revenue		528		(151)		46		562		270
Fee revenue (GAAP)	\$	21,284	\$	18,297	\$	17,266	\$	15,682	\$	14,823
Core Operating Expense										
Core operating expense	\$	56,477	\$	48,764	\$	45,135	\$	42,191	\$	42,081
Foreclosed property expense		(103)		(22)		60		96		131
Severance		186		3		19		23		353
Reversal of litigation reserve		(300)		-		-		-		(1,200)
Loss share settlements		-		-		-		690		492
Merger-related charges		3,109		5,744		3,173		-		-
Impairment charge on real estate held for future use		5,969		-		-		-		-
Mark to market on deferred compensation plan liability		150		(220)		33		61		62
Non-core operating expenses		9,011		5,505		3,285		870		(162)
Operating expense (GAAP)	\$	65,488	\$	54,269	\$	48,420	\$	43,061	\$	41,919

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. FOURTH QUARTER 2015

> EXHIBITS January 20, 2016

## **Current Footprint**





### **Business and Operating Model**



#### Service is Point of Differentiation

- #1 in customer satisfaction according to Customer Service Profiles, the banking industry's leader in customer research and improvement
- #1 in Southeast in customer satisfaction by national research company
- Golden rule of banking treating people the way we want to be treated
- One of the Top 100 "Best Banks in America" as ranked by Forbes

### "Community Bank Service, Large Bank Resources"

Twenty-Nine "community banks"	Strategic footprint with substantial banking opportunities	Disciplined growth strategy
Local CEOs with deep roots in their communities Resources of a \$9.6 billion bank	Operate in demographically attractive markets	Organic growth supported by de novos and selective acquisitions

## Experienced Proven Leadership





## Market Share Opportunities



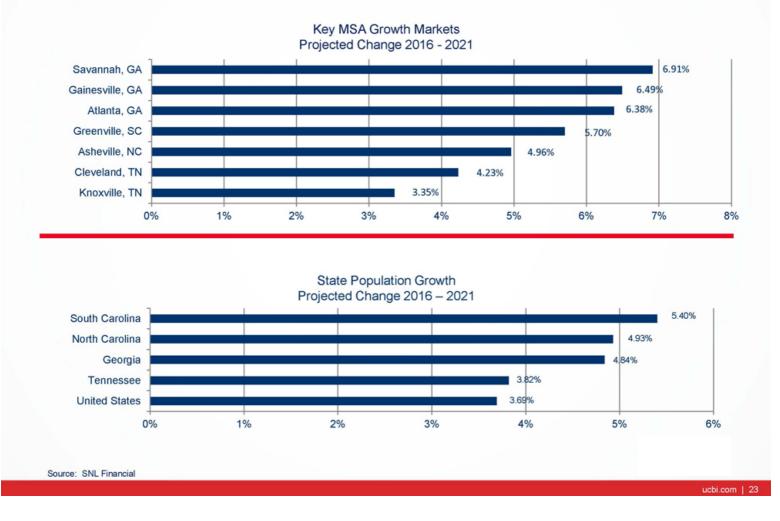
\$ in billions

	Ex	cellent	Grow	h Öppo	ortunities			
	Dep	arket oosits	United [	Deposits	Banks	Offices	Deposit Share	Rank
North Georgia	\$	6.6	\$	2.2	9	22	37 %	1
Atlanta, Georgia		60.8		2.4	10	36	4	6
Gainesville, Georgia		3.0		.3	1	5	12	4
Coastal Georgia		8.0		.3	2	7	3	9
Western North Carolina		11.8		1.0	1	19	8	4
East Tennessee		16.3		.6	2	12	4	5
Upstate South Carolina		21.0		1.1	4	26	5	7
Total Markets	\$	127.5	\$	7.9	29	127		

<sup>(1)</sup>FDIC deposit market share and rank as of June 30, 2015 for markets where United takes deposits. Data Source: FDIC. <sup>(2)</sup>Based on current quarter. <sup>(3)</sup>Excludes seven loan production offices

### Market Share Demographics







## Liquidity

\$ in millions

Capacity	4Q15	3Q15 4Q14	vs 3Q15 vs 4Q14	
WHOLESALE BORROWINGS				
Brokered Deposits (1) \$ 615	\$ 347	\$ 517 \$ 43	25 \$ (170) \$ (78)	
FHLB 550	430	200 27	70 230 160	Wholesale
Holding Company LOC 40				
Fed Funds 515	-	5 -	(5) -	Borrowings
Other Wholesale -	17	14	6 3 11	
Total \$ 1,720	\$ 794	\$ 736 \$ 70	01 \$ 58 \$ 93	
LONG-TERM DEBT				
Senior Debt	\$ 160	\$ 160 \$ T	75 \$ - \$ 85	Holding Company
Trust Preferred Securities	6	6 .	- (49)	Long-Term Debt /
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 166	\$ 166 \$ 13	30 \$ - \$ 36	
Cash	\$ 50	\$ 54 \$ 3	32 \$ (4) \$ 18	Cash
Loans / Deposits Loans Core (DDA, MMDA, Savings) Public Funds CD's	\$ 5,995 \$ 5,251 1,032 1,251			Loans / Deposits
Total Deposits (excl Brokered)	\$ 7,534	\$ 7,388 \$ 5,5		
Loan to Deposit Ratio	80%	82%	79%	
Investment Securities				
Available for Sale -Fixed -Floating	\$ 1,648 643	\$ 1,435 \$ 1,	114 \$ 213 \$ 534 669 (22) (26	
Held to Maturity -Fixed -Floating	361 4	354 ·	410 7 (49 5 - (1	Securities
Total Investment Securities	\$ 2,656	\$ 2,458 \$ 2,3	198 \$ 198 \$ 458	
Floating as % of Total Securities	24%	27%	31%	

 $^{\left( 1\right) }$  Estimated brokered deposit total capacity at 10% of assets

### Lending & Credit Environment



\$ in millions

### **Regional Credit Review – Standard Underwriting**

<ul> <li>Legal Lending Limit</li> </ul>	\$ 242
<ul> <li>House Lending Limit</li> </ul>	28
•Project Lending Limit	17
•Top 25 Relationships	395

- · Centralized underwriting and approval process
- · Segregated work-out teams
- · Highly skilled ORE disposition group
- · Seasoned regional credit professionals

### Proactively Addressing Credit Environment



## Performing Classified Loans



\$ in millions



		B	y Ca	tegory							
	4	Q14	1	Q15	2	Q15	3	Q15	4Q15		
Commercial & Industrial	\$ 8		\$	\$ 7		6	\$	6	\$	6	
Ow ner-Occupied ORE	2	46		44	_	40		42		40	
Total Commercial & Industrial		54		51		46		48		46	
Income-Producing ORE		20		20		19		30		30	
Commercial Construction		4		3		3		3		1	
Total Commercial		78		74		68		81		77	
Residential Mortgage		32		30		30		36		31	
Residential HELOC		5		6		6		7		7	
Residential Construction		11		10		10		10		11	
Consumer / Installment		2	<u></u>	2		2	<u></u>	2		2	
Total Performing Classified	\$	128	\$	122	\$	116	\$	136	\$	128	
Classified to Tier 1 + ALL		20 %	0	20 %	, ,	18 %	, 5	18 %	0	17	

## TDRs



#### \$ in millions

DAN TYPE Accruing						Non-Accruing							Total TDRs						
	40	Q15 <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(1)</sup> 3Q15		4	4Q14		4Q15		Q15	4Q14		4Q15		3Q15		4Q14		
Commercial & Industrial	\$	2.8	\$	3.5	\$	25.3	S	0.1	\$	-	\$	1.0	\$	2.9	\$	3.5	\$	26.3	
Ow ner-Occupied ORE		30.8		31.6		17.4		1.3		1.2		0.5		32.1		32.8		17.9	
Income-Producing CRE		15.4		14.1		2.7		.2		.3		.1		15.6		14.4		2.8	
Commercial Construction		10.5		11.2		11.3		.1		.1		1		10.6		11.3		11.3	
Total Commercial	31	59.5		60.4		56.7		1.7		1.6		1.6		61.2		62.0	259	58.3	
Residential Mortgage		17.2		17.3		16.0		1.6		2.1		1.8		18.8		19.4		17.8	
Residential HELOC		.2		.5		.5				-		-		0.2		0.5		0.5	
Residential Construction		5.2		5.7		7.9		.1		.3		.4		5.3		6.0		8.3	
Consumer / Installment		.9	_	.7	_	.2		.2		.1				1.1		0.8		0.2	
Total TDRs	\$	83.0	\$	84.6	\$	81.3	\$	3.6	\$	4.1	\$	3.8	\$	86.6	\$	88.7	\$	85.1	

### Accruing TDRs



 $^{(1)}$  66% of accruing TDR loans have an interest rate of 4% or greater



## Lending & Credit Environment

Outstanding		anding	% of Category			
Multi-Residential	\$	84	24.6	%		
and Develop - Vacant (Improved)		56	16.4			
Retail Building		49	14.3			
commercial Land Development		32	9.3			
aw Land - Vacant (Unimproved)		31	9.1			
ther Properties		30	8.8			
lotels / Motels		26	7.6			
Varehouse		15	4.4			
estaurants / Franchise		10	2.9			
ffice Buildings		8	2.3			
ssisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab		1	0.3			
Total Commercial Construction	\$	342	100.0	%		

	Average Loan Size (in thous	ands)
	<ul> <li>Commercial Construction</li> </ul>	\$577
1	<ul> <li>Commercial RE:</li> </ul>	
$\mathbf{v}$	<ul> <li>Composite CRE</li> </ul>	461
	<ul> <li>Owner-Occupied</li> </ul>	410
	<ul> <li>Income-Producing</li> </ul>	594
	P2	

#### **Commercial RE Characteristics**

•64% owner occupied
•Small business, doctors, dentists, attorneys, CPAs
•\$17 million project limit

	(				
	Owner-	Income-		% of	
	Occupied	Producing	Total	Category	
Office Buildings	\$ 375	\$ 208	\$ 583	25.2 %	
Retail Building	121	226	347	15.0	
Other Properties	199	38	237	10.2	
Warehouse	150	74	224	9.7	
Churches	176		176	7.6	
Convenience Stores	90	47	137	5.9	
Hotels / Motels	-	86	86	3.7	
Manufacturing Facility	66	17	83	3.6	
Restaurants / Franchise Fast Food	53	26	79	3.4	
Multi-Residential	-	67	67	2.9	
Assisted Living / Nursing Home	62	5	67	2.9	
Farmland	62	-	62	2.7	
Golf Course / Country Club	40	-	40	1.7	
Leasehold Property	16	8	24	1.0	
Carwash	22	-	22	0.9	
Automotive Service	13	7	20	0.9	
Automotive Dealership	16	3	19	0.8	
Daycare Facility	10	6	16	0.7	
Funeral Home	15	-	15	0.6	
Mobile Home Parks	10.00	6	6	0.3	
Marina	5		5	0.2	
Movie Theaters / Bowling / Rec	3	-	3	0.1	
Total Commercial Real Estate	\$ 1,494	\$ 824	\$2,318	100.0	