

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GILLILAND THOMAS C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) PO BOX 398 (Street) BLAIRSVILLE GA 30514 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP, Corp Sec & General Couns
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2004	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		15,750	A	\$7.33	58,651	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		15,750	A	\$10	74,401	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2004		F		9,531	D	\$28.64	64,870	D	
Common Stock								18,896.148	I	By 401k
Common Stock								9,405	I	Cust FBO Thomas C. Gilliland, Jr. (Son)
Common Stock								9,405	I	Cust FBO Jason W. Gilliland (Son)
Common Stock								414,876 ⁽¹⁾	I	Candace W. Gilliland (Spouse)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$7.33	12/03/2004		M		15,750		01/01/1997 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2007	Common Stock	15,750	\$7.33	0	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$10	12/03/2004		M		15,750		01/01/1998 ⁽³⁾	01/01/2008	Common Stock	15,750	\$10	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 414,876 shares owned by Mr. Gilliland's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.
- 1997 Options were 20% vested on date of grant, then vested an additional 20% each annual anniversary.
- 1998 Options were 20% vested on date of grant, then vested an additional 20% each annual anniversary.

Remarks:

Thomas C. Gilliland

12/06/2004

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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