

TALLENT JIMMY C
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TALLENT JIMMY C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PO BOX 398
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	10/30/2008 ⁽¹⁾		G	2,749 D \$ 0	463,223 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2008		F	25,753 D \$ 13.59	437,470	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2008		M	26,656 A \$ 13.13	464,126	D	
Common Stock (RSU's)					8,187 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					20,176.271 ⁽²⁾	D	

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Issuable
(3)

Common Stock	377 (2) (4)	I	Jeanne Tallent (Spouse)
Common Stock	116,090.011 (2)	I	By 401k
Common Stock	151 (2) (5)	I	Jimmy C. Tallent CUST FBO Trenli Mae Tallent (Minor Grandchild)

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 13.13	12/30/2008		M	26,656	01/01/1999 01/01/2009	Common Stock	26,656 (2)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TALLENT JIMMY C PO BOX 398 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of
Attorney

01/02/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Gift is not subject to 2 day reporting requirement.
- (2) Reflects an increase in shares pursuant to a stock dividend payable 10/1/08 at a ratio of 131/130.
- (3) Acquired pursuant to The United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan. The units are to be settled in United Community Banks common stock at the NAV after termination of employment.
- (4) Includes 377 shares owned by Mr. Tallent's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.
- (5) Includes 151 shares owned by Mr. Tallent's minor grandchild for which he claims beneficial ownership.

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