# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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):

August 24, 2005

# **AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction

1-7476 (Commission 63-0591257 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification No.)** 

AMSOUTH CENTER

1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH

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(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (205) 320-7151

#### 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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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 24, 2005, AmSouth Bancorporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that AmSouth Bank (the Bank ) and AmSouth Asset Management, Inc. ( AAMI ) have received notice that the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) intends to recommend that the Commission bring a civil action against those entities for possible violations of federal securities laws. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this report. The Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company; AAMI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated August 24, 2005

#### **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.

#### AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION

By: /s/ Carl L. Gorday Name: Carl L. Gorday Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: August 24, 2005