

TALLENT JIMMY C
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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)
12/09/2004

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/09/2004		M		16,250 A \$ 6	348,196	D
Common Stock	12/09/2004		F		3,473 D \$ 28.08	344,723	D
Common Stock						375 ⁽¹⁾	I Jeanne Tallent (Spouse)
Common Stock						84,526.951	I By 401k

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 6	12/09/2004		M	16,250	01/01/1996 ⁽²⁾ 01/01/2006	Common Stock	16,250

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

Jimmy C. Tallent 12/13/2004

**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) Includes 375 shares owned by Mr. Tallent's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.

(2) 1996 Options were 20% vested on date of grant, then vested an additional 20% each annual anniversary.

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