

AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

October 20, 2005

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**AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-7476**  
(Commission File Number)

**63-0591257**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**AMSOUTH CENTER**

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1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

(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.)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On October 20, 2005, AmSouth Bancorporation ( the Company ) issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. David J. Cooper, Sr. and Mr. Don DeFosset to the Board of Directors of the Company. Each of the directors of the Company is also a director of AmSouth Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Mr. Cooper has been named to the Risk Committee of the Board of Directors; Mr. DeFosset has been named to the Trust Committee of AmSouth Bank.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 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: October 20, 2005