

MID-STATE BANCSHARES  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2004

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

Washington, D.C. 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) **December 15, 2004**

**MID-STATE BANCSHARES**

(Exact Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**000-23925**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**77-0442667**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1026 East Grand Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**93420**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(805) 473-7700**

**N/A**  
(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:

- Written communications Pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**SECTION 8 OTHER EVENTS**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 15, 2004, at its regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mid-State Bancshares, the Board declared a sixteen cents per-share quarterly dividend for all shareholders of record on December 31, 2004, payable on January 14, 2005. Please refer to the Press Release dated December 15, 2004 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibits**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99                 | Press Release announcing fourth quarter cash dividend dated December 15, 2004 |

**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.

**Registrant:**

**MID-STATE BANCSHARES**

**Date:** December 15, 2004

**By:** /s/ JAMES W. LOKEY  
James W. Lokey  
President  
Chief Executive Officer

**By:** /s/ JAMES G. STATHOS  
James G. Stathos  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

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