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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q/A

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2011

OR

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

For the Transition Period from to

Commission file number 001-35095

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia (State of Incorporation)

58-1807304 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

125 Highway 515 East Blairsville, Georgia Address of Principal Executive Offices

30512 (Zip Code)

(706) 781-2265

(Telephone Number)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES x NO ...

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Date File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T ($\S 232.405$ of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES \times NO \times

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). YES "NO x

Common stock, par value \$1 per share 41,611,596 shares voting and 15,914,209 shares non-voting outstanding as of October 31, 2011

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Explanatory Note

This Amendment to the Form 10-Q (this Amendment) of United Community Banks, Inc. (United) amends and restates United s Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011 that was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 8, 2011 (collectively with Amendment, this Form 10-Q).

This Amendment is filed to reflect United s establishment of a full deferred tax asset valuation allowance as of December 31, 2010 and the effects thereof on certain related disclosures contained in this Form 10-Q, including (i) United s previously reported income tax expense, other comprehensive income in shareholders equity and net loss for the first, second and third quarters of 2011 and full year 2010, tangible book value, tangible equity and tangible common equity to asset ratios, and regulatory capital ratios as of September 30, 2011, June 30, 2011, March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, and (ii) United s disclosure in Item 4 Controls and Procedures.

Unless otherwise indicated, this Amendment does not reflect events occurring after November 8, 2011.

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Part I Financial Information

Item 1 Financial Statements

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

 $\textbf{Consolidated Statement of Operations} \ (Unaudited)$

	September 30, September 30, Three Months Ended September 30, (As restated)		•	tember 30, Nine Mon Septem restated)	ths End		
(in thousands, except per share data)	20		2010	`	2011		2010
Interest revenue:							
Loans, including fees	\$	59,294	\$ 68,419	\$	181,359	\$	211,245
Investment securities, including tax exempt of \$244, \$279, \$754							
and \$886		14,568	14,711		42,964		46,743
Federal funds sold, commercial paper and deposits in banks		261	719		1,832		2,416
Total interest revenue		74,123	83,849		226,155		260,404
Interest expense:							
Deposits:							
NOW		831	1,705		3,191		5,304
Money market		1,129	1,930		4,656		5,516
Savings		52	83		193		250
Time		9,086	16,099		31,813		54,015
Total deposit interest expense		11,098	19,817		39,853		65,085
Federal funds purchased, repurchase agreements and other							
short-term borrowings		1,081	1,068		3,197		3,162
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		441	796		1,601		2,747
Long-term debt		2,642	2,665		8,169		7,994
Total interest expense		15,262	24,346		52,820		78,988
Net interest revenue		58,861	59,503		173,335		181,416
Provision for loan losses		36,000	50,500		237,000		187,000
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Net interest revenue after provision for loan losses		22,861	9.003		(63,665)		(5,584)
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Fee revenue:							
Service charges and fees		7,534	7,648		21,862		23,088
Mortgage loan and other related fees		1,148	2,071		3,594		5,151
Brokerage fees		836	731		2,204		1,884
Securities gains, net		0.50	2,491		838		2,552
Loss from prepayment of debt			(2,233)	(791)		(2,233)
Other		1,980	2,153		9,534		5,664
Outer		1,700	2,133		7,337		2,004
Total for mayonya		11 400	12.061		27 241		26 106
Total fee revenue		11,498	12,861		37,241		36,106
Total revenue		34,359	21,864		(26,424)		30,522

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Operating expenses:								
Salaries and employee benefits		25,262		24,891		76,622		72,841
Communications and equipment		3,284		3,620		10,006		10,404
Occupancy		3,794		3,720		11,673		11,370
Advertising and public relations		1,052		1,128		3,347		3,523
Postage, printing and supplies		1,036		1,019		3,239		3,009
Professional fees		2,051		2,117		7,731		6,238
Foreclosed property		2,813		19,752		69,603		45,105
FDIC assessments and other regulatory charges		2,603		3,256		11,660		10,448
Amortization of intangibles		748		793		2,270		2,389
Other		3,877		4,610		14,368		12,707
Goodwill impairment				210,590				210,590
Loss on sale of nonperforming assets								45,349
Total operating expenses		46,520		275,496		210,519		433,973
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes		(12,161)		(253,632)		(236,943)		(403,451)
Income tax benefit		(822)		(17,217)		(296)		(73,046)
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Net loss from continuing operations		(11,339)		(236,415)		(236,647)		(330,405)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		, , ,						(101)
Gain from sale of subsidiary, net of income taxes and selling costs								1,266
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Net loss		(11,339)		(236,415)		(236,647)		(329,240)
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion		3.019		2,581		8,813		7,730
		2,025		_,000		5,525		,,
Net loss available to common shareholders	\$	(14,358)	\$	(238,996)	\$	(245,460)	\$	(336,970)
rections available to common shareholders	Ψ	(14,556)	Ψ	(230,990)	Ψ	(243,400)	Ψ	(330,970)
Loss from continuing operations per common share. Design	Φ	(25)	Ф	(12.62)	Ф	(7.22)	Φ	(17.90)
Loss from continuing operations per common share Basic Loss from continuing operations per common share Diluted	\$	(.25)	\$	(12.62)	\$	(7.23)	\$	(17.89)
Loss per common share Basic		(.25)		(12.62)		(7.23)		(17.89)
Loss per common share Diluted		(.25) (.25)		(12.62)		(7.23) (7.23)		(17.82)
Weighted average common shares outstanding Basic		57,599		(12.62) 18,936		33,973		(17.82) 18,905
Weighted average common shares outstanding Diluted		57,599		18,936		33,973		18,905
weighted average common shares outstanding. Diffuted		31,399		10,930		33,913		10,903

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

(in thousands, except share and per share data) ASSETS	September 30, (As restated) September 30, 2011 (unaudited)	September 30, (As restated) December 31, 2010 (audited)	September 30, September 30, 2010 (unaudited)
Cash and due from banks	¢ 57.700	¢ 05.004	¢ 104.022
	\$ 57,780	\$ 95,994	\$ 104,033
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	241,440	111,901	64,408
Federal funds sold, commercial paper and short-term investments		441,562	108,579
Cash and cash equivalents	299,220	649,457	277,020
Securities available for sale	1,769,083	1,224,417	1,053,518
Securities held to maturity (fair value \$369,020, \$267,988 and \$263,012)	353,739	265,807	256,694
Mortgage loans held for sale	22,050	35,908	20,630
Loans, net of unearned income	4,109,875	4,604,126	4,759,504
Less allowance for loan losses			
Less allowance for foan losses	146,092	174,695	174,613
Loans, net	3,963,783	4,429,431	4,584,891
Assets covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC	83,623	131,887	144,581
Premises and equipment, net	176,839	178,239	178,842
Accrued interest receivable	19,744	24,299	24,672
Goodwill and other intangible assets	9,175	11,446	12,217
Foreclosed property	44,263	142,208	129,964
Net deferred tax asset	11,203	1 12,200	146,831
Other assets	152,754	183,160	183,189
Total assets	\$ 6,894,273	\$ 7,276,259	\$ 7,013,049
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Deposits:			
Demand	\$ 966,452	\$ 793,414	\$ 783,251
NOW	1,299,512	1,424,781	1,338,371
Money market	1,030,370	891,252	804,644
Savings	200,231	183,894	186,617
Time:	200,231	103,071	100,017
Less than \$100,000	1,393,559	1,496,700	1,498,379
Greater than \$100,000	905,183	1,002,359	1,033,132
Brokered	209,998	676,772	354,243
Total deposits	6,005,305	6,469,172	5,998,637
Federal funds purchased, repurchase agreements, and other short-term borrowings	102,883	101,067	103,780
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	40,625	55,125	55,125
Long-term debt	120,206	150,146	150,126
Unsettled securities purchases	10,585		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	31,302	32,171	42,906
Total liabilities	6,310,906	6,807,681	6,350,574

Shareholders equity:

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Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized;			
Series A; \$10 stated value; 21,700 shares issued and outstanding	217	217	217
Series B; \$1,000 stated value; 180,000 shares issued and outstanding	176,739	175,711	175,378
Series D; \$1,000 stated value; 16,613 shares issued and outstanding	16,613		
Common stock, \$1 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized;			
41,595,692, 18,937,001 and 18,886,660 shares issued and outstanding	41,596	18,937	18,887
Common stock, non-voting, \$1 par value; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 15,914,209			
shares issued and outstanding	15,914		
Common stock issuable; 88,501, 67,287 and 61,119 shares	3,590	3,894	3,961
Capital surplus	1,053,565	741,244	740,151
Accumulated deficit	(737,736)	(492,276)	(316,587)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	12,869	20,851	40,468
Total shareholders equity	583,367	468,578	662,475
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Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 6,894,273	\$ 7,276,259	\$ 7,013,049

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

 $\textbf{Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders} \quad \textbf{Equity} \; (\textit{Unaudited})$

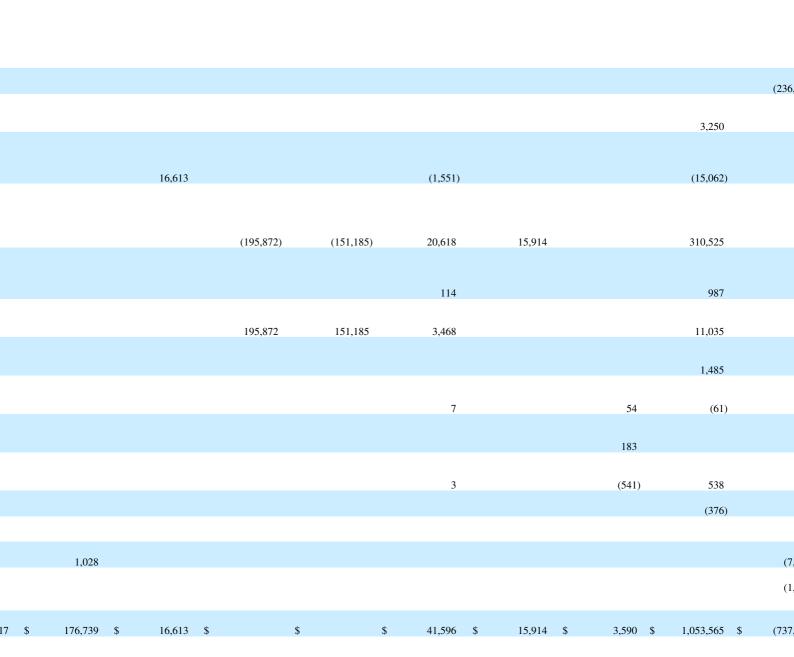
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	Series B	Preferred Stock Series D	Series G	C	Common Stock	Non-Voting Common Stock	Common Stock Issuable	Capital Surplus	(Accumulat Deficit) Retained Earnings
17	\$ 174,408	\$	\$ \$	\$	18,809	\$	\$ 3,597	\$ 697,271	\$ 20,
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								39,813	
					73			1,326	
								1,887	
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17	\$ 175,378	\$	\$ \$	\$	18,887	\$	\$ 3,961	\$ 740,151	\$ (316,
17	\$ 175,711	\$	\$ \$	\$	18,937	\$	\$ 3,894	\$ 741,244	\$ (492.



Comprehensive loss for the third quarters of 2011 and 2010 was \$17.7 million and \$241 million, respectively.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

 $\textbf{Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows} \ (Unaudited)$

	(As	September 30, Nine Months September (As restated)		0,
(in thousands)		2011		2010
Operating activities:		(00 < < 10)		(220 240)
Net loss	\$	(236,647)	\$	(329,240)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		14,670		11,961
Provision for loan losses		237,000		187,000
Goodwill impairment charge				210,590
Stock based compensation		1,485		1,887
Securities gains, net		(838)		(2,552)
Losses and write downs on sales of other real estate owned		61,473		33,477
Gain from sale of subsidiary				(2,110)
Loss on sale of nonperforming assets				45,349
Loss on prepayment of borrowings		791		2,233
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Other assets and accrued interest receivable		59,841		(17,528)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		(2,739)		(1,949)
Mortgage loans held for sale		13,858		9,596
Net cash provided by operating activities		148,894		148,714
Investing activities:				
Investment securities held to maturity:				
Proceeds from maturities and calls		52,520		81,384
Purchases		(142,777)		(24,128)
Investment securities available for sale:				
Proceeds from sales		106,603		75,528
Proceeds from maturities and calls		363,333		634,305
Purchases	((1,000,378)		(544,793)
Net decrease in loans		106,341		65,570
Proceeds from loan sales		99,298		24,723
Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment		636		81
Purchases of premises and equipment		(6,442)		(5,057)
Net cash received from sale of subsidiary				2,842
Net cash received from sale of nonperforming assets				20,618
Proceeds from sale of other real estate		70,951		110,459
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(349,915)		441,532
Financing activities:				
Net change in deposits		(463,867)		(625,437)
Net change in federal funds purchased, repurchase agreements, and other short-term borrowings		1,816		2,391
Repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank advances		(15,291)		(61,181)
Repayments of long-term debt		(30,000)		(01,101)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock for dividend reinvestment and employee benefit plans		1,101		1,395
Proceeds from issuance of common and preferred stock, net of offering costs		361,560		1,393
Proceeds from penalty on incomplete private equity transaction		3,250		
Cash dividends on preferred stock		(7,785)		(6,761)
Cash dividends on preferred stock		(1,103)		(0,701)

Net cash used in financing activities	(149,216)	(689,593)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(350,237)	(99,347)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	649,457	376,367
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 299,220	\$ 277,020
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 55,580	\$ 89,359
Income taxes	179	(37,194)
Can accommon ving notes to consolidated financial statements		

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1 Accounting Policies

The accounting and financial reporting policies of United Community Banks, Inc. (United) and its subsidiaries conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and general banking industry practices. The accompanying interim consolidated financial statements have not been audited. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. A more detailed description of United s accounting policies is included in the 2010 annual report filed on Form 10-K.

In management s opinion, all accounting adjustments necessary to accurately reflect the financial position and results of operations on the accompanying financial statements have been made. These adjustments are normal and recurring accruals considered necessary for a fair and accurate presentation. The results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or any other interim periods.

Foreclosed property is initially recorded at fair value, less estimated costs to sell. If the fair value, less estimated costs to sell at the time of foreclosure, is less than the loan balance, the deficiency is charged against the allowance for loan losses. If the fair value, less cost to sell, of the foreclosed property decreases during the holding period, a valuation allowance is established with a charge to operating expenses. When the foreclosed property is sold, a gain or loss is recognized on the sale for the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the property. Financed sales of foreclosed property are accounted for in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board s (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 360, Subtopic 20, *Real Estate Sales* (ASC 360-20).

Note 2 Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements

Subsequent to filing United s quarterly report on Form 10-Q, for the period ended September 30, 2011, United determined that a full valuation allowance on its deferred tax asset should be recognized as of December 31, 2010. Management decided to establish a valuation allowance against the net deferred tax asset after reconsidering the positive and negative evidence regarding the ultimate realization of the net deferred tax asset. Realization of the net deferred tax asset is dependent upon United s ability to generate future taxable income. Management has concluded that the objective and verifiable negative evidence represented by United s recent losses outweighs the more subjective positive evidence. As a result of this conclusion, United has established a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax asset.

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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Accordingly, the September 30, 2011 consolidated financial statements have been restated to account for this determination. The effect of this change in the consolidated financial statements was as follows (in thousands except per share amounts).

	September 30, Three Mo As Reported	September 30, onths Ended Septemb Adjustment	September 30, ber 30, 2011 As Restated	September 30, Nine Mon As Reported	September 30, ths Ended Septembe Adjustment	September 30, er 30, 2011 As Restated
Consolidated Statement of	Als Reported	rajustinent	ns resulte	715 Reported	rajustinent	715 Resulted
Operations						
Income tax benefit	\$ (5,959)) \$ 5,137	\$ (822)	\$ (95,872)	\$ 95,576	\$ (296)
Net income (loss) from						
continuing operations	(6,202)	(5,137)	(11,339)	(141,071)	(95,576)	(236,647)
Net income (loss)	(6,202)	(5,137)	(11,339)	(141,071)	(95,576)	(236,647)
Net income (loss) available to						
common shareholders	(9,221)	(5,137)	(14,358)	(149,884)	(95,576)	(245,460)
Income (loss) from continuing						
operations per common						
share basic	(0.16)	(0.09)	(0.25)	(4.41)	(2.82)	(7.23)
Income (loss) from continuing						
operations per common						
share diluted	(0.16)	(0.09)	(0.25)	(4.41)	(2.82)	(7.23)
Income (loss) per common						
share basic	(0.16	(0.09)	(0.25)	(4.41)	(2.82)	(7.23)
Income (loss) per common						
share diluted	(0.16)	(0.09)	(0.25)	(4.41)	(2.82)	(7.23)
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders Equity						
Net loss				\$ (141,071)	\$ (95,576)	\$ (236,647)
Unrealized holding losses on				2.010	1.650	4.500
available for sale securities				2,910	1,678	4,588
Unrealized losses on derivative						
financial instrument qualifying				(7.690)	(4.900)	(12.570)
as cash flow hedges Comprehensive loss				(7,680)	(4,890) (98,788)	(12,570) (244,629)
Comprehensive loss				(145,841)	(98,788)	(244,029)
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows						
Operating activities:						
Net loss				\$ (141,071)	\$ (95,576)	\$ (236,647)
Net change in other assets and						
accrued interest receivable				(35,735)	95,576	59,841
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
		as of September 30, 2	011 As Restated		s of December 31, 20	10 As Restated
Consolidated Balance Sheet	As Reported	Adjustment	As Kestated	As Reported	Adjustment	As Kestated
Net deferred tax asset	\$ 264,275	\$ (264,275)	\$	\$ 166,937	\$ (166,937)	\$
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Other assets	153,329	(575)	152,754	183,160		183,160
Total assets	7,159,123	(264,850)	6,894,273	7,443,196	(166,937)	7,276,259
Capital surplus	1,052,690	875	1,053,565	741,244		741,244
(Accumulated deficit) retained						
earnings	(485,451)	(252,285)	(737,736)	(335,567)	(156,709)	(492,276)
Accumulated other						
comprehensive income	26,309	(13,440)	12,869	31,079	(10,228)	20,851
Total shareholders equity	848,217	(264,850)	583,367	635,515	(166,937)	468,578
Total liabilities and						
shareholders equity	7,159,123	(264,850)	6,894,273	7,443,196	(166,937)	7,276,259

Note 3 Accounting Standards Updates

In July 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-06, *Fees Paid to the Federal Government by Health Insurers* (ASU No. 2011-06). ASU No. 2011-06 states that the liability for the annual fee for health insurers mandated by the Patient protection and Affordable Care Act as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, should be estimated and recorded in full once the entity provides qualifying health insurance. Along with the fee liability, a corresponding deferred cost should be recorded and amortized into expense, typically using a straight-line method. ASU No. 2011-06 is effective for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2013, and does not apply to United.

In July 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-07, *Presentation and Disclosure of Patient Service Revenue, Provision for Bad Debts, and the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts for Certain Health Care Entities* (ASU No. 2011-07). ASU No. 2011-07 requires certain health care entities to change the presentation of their statement of operations by reclassifying the provision for bad debts associated with patient service revenue from an operating expense to a deduction from patient service revenue. Also, these entities are required to provide enhanced disclosure about their policies on recognizing revenue and assessing bad debts. The guidance is effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2012, and does not apply to United.

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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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In September 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-08, *Testing Goodwill for Impairment* (ASU No. 2011-08). ASU No. 2011-08 allows an entity first to assess qualitatively whether it is necessary to perform step one of the two-step annual goodwill impairment test. An entity is required to perform step one only if the entity concludes that it is more likely than not that a reporting unit s fair value is less than its carrying amount (that is, a likelihood of more than 50 percent). This amends the existing guidance, which required entities to perform step one of the test, at least annually, by calculating and comparing the fair value of a reporting unit to its carrying amount. The revised standard is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. However, an entity can choose to early adopt the revised standard even if its annual test date is before September 15, 2011 (the date on which the revised standard was issued), provided that the entity has not yet issued its financial statements for the period that includes its annual test date. Since United has no goodwill balance, ASU No. 2011-08 will not currently have an impact on the Company s financial position, results of operation, or disclosures.

In September 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-09, *Disclosures about an Employer s Participation in a Multiemployer Plan* (ASU No. 2011-09). ASU No. 2011-09 is intended to provide more information about an employer s financial obligations to a multiemployer pension plan and, therefore help financial statement users better understand the financial health of all significant plans in which the employer participates. It is effective for public entities for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2011, with a one year deferral for non-public entities. United does not participate in a multiemployer plan, so this revised standard does not apply to the Company.

Note 4 Mergers and Acquisitions

On June 19, 2009, United Community Bank (UCB or the Bank) purchased substantially all the assets and assumed substantially all the liabilities of Southern Community Bank (SCB) from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), as Receiver of SCB. UCB and the FDIC entered loss sharing agreements regarding future losses incurred on loans and foreclosed loan collateral existing at June 19, 2009. Under the terms of the loss sharing agreements, the FDIC will absorb 80 percent of losses and share 80 percent of loss recoveries on the first \$109 million of losses and, absorb 95 percent of losses and share in 95 percent of loss recoveries on losses exceeding \$109 million. The term for loss sharing on 1-4 Family loans is ten years, while the term for loss sharing on all other loans is five years.

Under the loss sharing agreement, the portion of the losses expected to be indemnified by the FDIC is considered an indemnification asset in accordance with ASC 805 *Business Combinations*. The indemnification asset, referred to as estimated loss reimbursement from the FDIC, is included in the balance of Assets covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The indemnification asset was recognized at fair value, which was estimated at the acquisition date based on the terms of the loss sharing agreement. The indemnification asset is expected to be collected over a four-year average life. No valuation allowance was required.

Loans, foreclosed property and the estimated FDIC reimbursement resulting from the loss sharing agreements with the FDIC are reported as Assets covered by loss sharing agreements with the FDIC in the consolidated balance sheet.

The table below shows the components of covered assets at September 30, 2011 (in thousands).

(in thousands)	September 30, Purchased Impaired Loans	September 30, Other Purchased Loans	September 30,	September 30, Total
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Commercial (secured by real estate)	\$	\$ 34,546	\$	\$ 34,546
Commercial (commercial and industrial)		2,485		2,485
Construction and land development	1,771	10,282		12,053
Residential mortgage	186	8,376		8,562
Installment	6	181		187
Total covered loans	1,963	55,870		57,833

Covered foreclosed property Estimated loss reimbursement from the FDIC			11,488 14,302	11,488 14,302
Total covered assets	\$ 1,963	\$ 55,870	\$ 25,790	\$ 83,623

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Note 5 Securities

Realized gains and losses are derived using the specific identification method for determining the cost of securities sold. The following table summarizes securities sales activity for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 (in thousands).

	September 30, September 30, Three Months Ended September 30,			September 30, Nine Months September				
	2011	2	010		2011		2010	
Proceeds from sales	\$	\$	34,711	\$	106,603	\$	75,528	
Gross gains on sales	\$	\$	2,491	\$	1,169	\$	3,751	
Gross losses on sales					331		249	
Impairment losses							950	
Net gains on sales of securities	\$	\$	2,491	\$	838	\$	2,552	
Income tax expense attributable to sales	\$	\$	969	\$	326	\$	993	

Substantially all securities with a carrying value of \$1.89 billion, \$1.43 billion, and \$1.26 billion were pledged to secure public deposits, FHLB advances and other secured borrowings at September 30, 2011, December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010, respectively.

Securities are classified as held to maturity when management has the positive intent and ability to hold them until maturity. Securities held to maturity are carried at amortized cost. The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair value of securities held to maturity at September 30, 2011, December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010 are as follows (*in thousands*).

	September 30, Amortized Cost		September 30, Gross Unrealized Gains		September 30, Gross Unrealized Losses		Se	ptember 30, Fair Value
As of September 30, 2011								
U.S. Government agencies	\$	5,000	\$	17	\$		\$	5,017
State and political subdivisions		50,185		3,721		22		53,884
Mortgage-backed securities (1)		298,554		11,871		306		310,119
Total	\$	353,739	\$	15,609	\$	328	\$	369,020
As of December 31, 2010								
U.S. Government agencies	\$	11,939	\$	79	\$		\$	12,018
State and political subdivisions		47,007		416		1,005		46,418
Mortgage-backed securities (1)		206,861		2,700		9		209,552
Total	\$	265,807	\$	3,195	\$	1,014	\$	267,988
As of September 30, 2010								

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U.S. Government agencies	\$ 6,961	\$ 124	\$	\$ 7,085
State and political subdivisions	30,752	1,271		32,023
Mortgage-backed securities (1)	218,981	4,929	6	223,904
Total	\$ 256,694	\$ 6,324	\$ 6	\$ 263,012

⁽¹⁾ All are residential type mortgage-backed securities

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The cost basis, unrealized gains and losses, and fair value of securities available for sale at September 30, 2011, December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010 are presented below (in thousands).

	September 30, Amortized Cost		September 30, Gross Unrealized Gains		September 30, Gross Unrealized Losses		September 30, Fair Value	
As of September 30, 2011								
U.S. Government agencies	\$	33,597	\$	109	\$		\$	33,706
State and political subdivisions		25,435		1,400		4		26,831
Mortgage-backed securities (1)		1,556,639						