

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC

Form 8-K

July 22, 2005

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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): July 22, 2005

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NORTH CAROLINA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-24626 (Commission File Number)	56-1886527 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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201 MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28401
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (910) 343-0181

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.

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On July 22, 2005, Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the issuance of up to \$15 million of trust preferred securities ("Trust Preferred Securities") for general corporate purposes and to increase the regulatory capital of its subsidiary bank. The Company intends to issue the Trust Preferred Securities in a pooled private placement offering during the third quarter of fiscal 2005. There can be no assurance that such an offering can or will be completed. The Trust Preferred Securities to be offered have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Trust Preferred Securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

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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.

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.

/s/ Todd L. Sammons

Todd L. Sammons
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

Date: July 22, 2005