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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):

January 5, 2012

## Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-34073

31-0724920

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio

43287

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

614-480-8300

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 6, 2012, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (the Corporation) announced that the board of directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on Floating Rate Series B Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock of \$1.5469 per share. The dividend is payable January 17, 2012, to shareholders of record on January 1, 2012.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 - Press release, dated January 6, 2012.

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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.

*January 6, 2012*

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

*By: Donald R. Kimble*

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*Name: Donald R. Kimble*

*Title: Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated January 6, 2012

# NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –**

Date: January 6, 2012

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**HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED DECLARES  
QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND ON ITS FLOATING RATE SERIES B NON-CUMULATIVE PERPETUAL PREFERRED  
STOCK  
(CUSIP#: 446150500)**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Huntington Bancshares Incorporated announced that the board of directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on Floating Rate Series B Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock (CUSIP#: 446150500) of \$1.5469 per share. The dividend is payable January 17, 2012, to shareholders of record on January 1, 2012.

**About Huntington**

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$55 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Huntington National Bank, founded in 1866, provides full-service commercial, small business, and consumer banking services; mortgage banking services; treasury management and foreign exchange services; equipment leasing; wealth and investment management services; trust services; brokerage services; customized insurance brokerage and service programs; and other financial products and services. The principal markets for these services are Huntington's six-state banking franchise: Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, West Virginia, and Kentucky. The primary distribution channels include a banking network of over 650 traditional branches and convenience branches located in grocery stores and retirement centers, and through an array of alternative distribution channels including internet and mobile banking, telephone banking, and over 1,300 ATMs. Through automotive dealership relationships within its six-state banking franchise area and selected other Midwest and New England states, Huntington also provides commercial banking services to the automotive dealers and retail automobile financing for dealer customers.

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