

FIRST RELIANCE BANCSHARES INC

Form 8-K

January 06, 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) December 30, 2004

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**First Reliance Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**South Carolina**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**000-49757**  
(Commission File Number)

**80-0030931**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2170 W. Palmetto Street

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**Florence, South Carolina**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**29501**  
(Zip Code)

**(843) 656-5000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 3.02.** Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

Effective December 30, 2004, we have entered into subscription agreements with 34 accredited investors, under which we agreed to issue a total of 401,705 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$11.50 per share, for total aggregate proceeds of \$4,619,607.50. There were no brokerage or underwriting commissions paid in the private placement. The common stock is sold under the exemption from registration provided by Rule 506 of Regulation D promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933 based on the fact that the shares were sold only to purchasers who are accredited investors within the meaning of Regulation D.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

FIRST RELIANCE BANCSHARES, INC.

Dated: January 5, 2005

By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Paolucci

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Jeffrey A. Paolucci  
Chief Financial Officer