

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC/MD

Form 8-K

April 22, 2008

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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) April 22, 2008

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

0-2525

31-0724920

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Huntington Center
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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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The Opinion and consent of Venable LLP as to the validity of the shares of the 8.50% Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (the Company) offered pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement dated April 16, 2008 (the Preferred Stock) and the issuance of shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Stock (the Common Stock) and the Opinion and consent of Shearman & Sterling LLP as to certain tax matters are filed herewith and are each incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-131143).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- Exhibit 99.1 Opinion of Venable LLP as to the validity of the Preferred Stock and the Common Stock, to become Exhibit 5(f) to the Registration Statement, including the consent of Venable LLP.
 - Exhibit 99.2 Opinion of Shearman & Sterling LLP as to certain tax matters, to become Exhibit 8(b) to the Registration Statement, including the consent of Shearman & Sterling LLP.
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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.

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES
INCORPORATED

Date: April 22, 2008

By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap
Richard A. Cheap
General Counsel and Secretary

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