

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
July 31, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 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 30, 2009**

**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**OHIO**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

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**001-33653**  
(Commission File Number)

**31-0854434**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Fifth Third Center**

**38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**45263**  
(Zip Code)

**(513) 534-5300**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**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):

- .. 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))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On July 30, 2009 John F. Barrett resigned from the board of directors of Fifth Third Bancorp. Mr. Barrett, who currently serves as chairman, president and CEO of Western & Southern Financial Group, chaired the Bancorp's Risk and Compliance Committee and also was a member of the Audit Committee.

A copy of the related press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release dated July 31, 2009

**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.

**FIFTH THIRD BANCORP**  
(Registrant)

July 31, 2009

/s/ PAUL L REYNOLDS  
Paul L. Reynolds  
Executive Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer