

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2011

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): February 17, 2011

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-34582  
(Commission File No.)

27-0950358  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

100 Liberty Street  
Warren, Pennsylvania  
(Address of principal executive  
office)

16365  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (814) 726-2140

---

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - 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 7.01

Regulation FD Disclosure

William J. Wagner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Northwest Bancshares, Inc., will participate in the Sterne Agee Financial Conference scheduled at 4:00 PM, on Thursday, February 17, 2011. A copy of the presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

Description

99.1 Slide presentation

---

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.

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

February 17,  
Date: 2011

By: /s/ William W. Harvey, Jr.  
William W. Harvey, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer

---