



First Bankers Trustshares, Inc.

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Second Quarter 2005 Financial Highlights

Dear Shareholders,

It is a pleasure to report a sizeable increase in the company's net interest income (27%) for the first six months of 2005 compared to the like period of 2004. This was accomplished by improvements in asset yield and the deployment of the additional assets associated with our recent acquisition of five Union Bank offices.

Management is pleased with the acceptance we have received in our new markets. Our market penetration and advertising strategies have aligned First Bankers Trust Company as a long term community oriented competitor. New and improved product selections, enhanced customer service levels and emphasis on satisfying our customers' financial service needs have been greatly accepted. These strategies have produced earlier than anticipated market share improvements.

Major expenses associated with the acquisition, while budgeted in our acquisition model, have contributed to a reduction in earnings per share from \$0.86 earned in the six month period of 2004 to \$0.80 for the like period of 2005.

Our goal to strengthen our Loan Loss Reserve position contributed to a \$300,000 increase in loan loss provision expense also impacting our earnings per share.

A further note, most worthy of mention, is the performance of our non-interest income, led by our new trust company, First Bankers Trust Services, Inc., which rose almost 18% for the six months period and (23%) for the most recent three months period compared to the like period in 2004.

We very much appreciate your continued investment in First Bankers Trustshares, Inc. Please find enclosed your quarterly cash dividend of \$0.085 per share.

Yours sincerely,

Donald K. Gnuse
President/CEO

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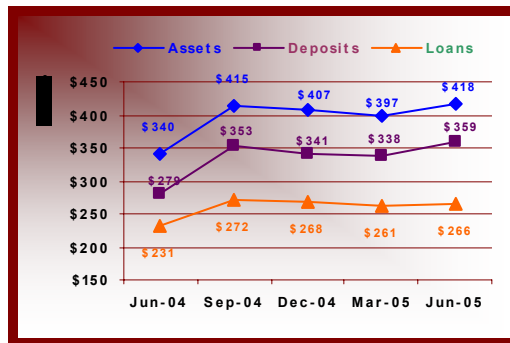
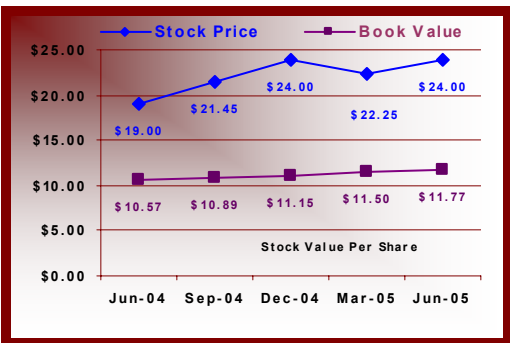
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Financial Highlights (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Income Statement Data	For The Three Months Period Ended June 30,			For The Six Months Period Ended June 30,		
	2005	2004	% Chg	2005	2004	% Chg
Net interest income	\$ 3,226	\$ 2,510	28.53 %	\$ 6,357	\$ 5,004	27.04 %
Provision for loan losses	375	225	66.67 %	750	450	66.67 %
Noninterest income	1,522	1,237	23.04 %	2,918	2,475	17.90 %
Noninterest expense	3,389	2,152	57.48 %	6,315	4,337	45.61 %
Income taxes	249	446	(44.17)%	580	938	(38.17)%
Net Income	\$ 735	\$ 924	(20.45)%	\$ 1,630	\$ 1,754	(7.07)%

Ratios	For The Three Months Period Ended June 30,			For The Six Months Period Ended June 30,		
	2005	2004	% Chg	2005	2004	% Chg
Return on average assets	.73 %	1.16 %	(37.07)%	.82 %	1.11 %	(26.13)%
Return on average stockholders' equity (Calculated by subtracting preferred stock dividends from net income and dividing by average common stockholders' equity. Common stockholders' equity is defined as equity minus preferred stock equity and plus or minus accumulated other comprehensive income (loss))	12.31 %	17.52 %	(29.74)%	13.88 %	16.77 %	(17.23)%
Net interest margin	3.45 %	3.60 %	(4.17)%	3.45 %	3.61 %	(4.43)%
Allowance as a percent of total loans	1.12 %	.99 %	13.13 %	1.12 %	.99 %	13.13 %
Dividends per share paid	\$.085	\$.075	13.33 %	\$.17	\$.15	13.33 %
Earnings per share	\$.36	\$.45	(20.00)%	\$.80	\$.86	(6.98)%
Book value per share (Calculated by dividing stockholders' equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), by outstanding shares).	\$ 11.77	\$ 10.57	11.35 %	\$ 11.77	\$ 10.57	11.35 %

Balance Sheet	At June 30,			At December 31,		
	2005	2004	% Chg	2004	2003	2002
Assets	\$ 418,254	\$ 340,147	22.96 %	\$ 407,367	\$ 315,670	\$ 311,920
Investment securities	85,493	49,728	71.92 %	83,942	53,582	54,567
Loans, net of unearned income	265,977	231,903	14.69 %	268,192	221,808	201,931
Deposits	359,154	279,297	28.59 %	340,555	258,413	258,170
Short-term and other borrowings	12,770	22,261	(42.64)%	20,762	24,114	23,200
Note payable	3,667	4,000	(8.33)%	4,000	-	4,500
Junior subordinated debentures	15,465	10,310	50.00 %	15,465	10,310	5,155
Stockholders' equity (Does not include accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)).	\$ 24,117	\$ 21,653	11.38%	\$ 22,835	\$ 20,206	\$ 17,636

Stock Value Per Share Information	For The Six Months Period Ended June 30,			For The Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	% Chg	2004	2003	2002
Price/earnings ratio	15.0	11.1	35.14 %	15.1	10.1	9.9
Stock price—High	\$ 24.00	\$ 21.00		\$ 24.10	\$ 17.00	\$ 16.50
Low	\$ 18.00	\$ 15.40		\$ 15.40	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00
Ending	\$ 24.00	\$ 19.00	26.32 %	\$ 24.00	\$ 15.40	\$ 14.75
Book value	\$ 11.77	\$ 10.57	11.35 %	\$ 11.15	\$ 9.86	\$ 8.61
Price/book value	2.04	1.80	13.33 %	2.15	1.56	1.71
Shares outstanding	2,048,574	2,048,574		2,048,574	2,048,574	2,048,574