



First Bankers Trustshares, Inc.

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Third Quarter 2012 Financial Highlights

Dear Shareholders,

Net income per share for the quarter ending 9/30/12 was \$.71 versus \$.72 for the same period last year. Earnings per share year to date was \$2.54 versus \$1.96 last year. We are having a good year even with a bit of a weaker 3rd quarter.

We continue to be impacted by the abnormally low interest rate environment which is driving the yield down on our loans and investments as they mature and reprice at lower rates. This has impacted our net margin, reducing it to 2.56% versus 2.95% last year. One can easily calculate the effect on income by taking .39% times our over \$800 million in assets to gauge the effect that this low interest rate environment has on profitability. Increasing interest rates should be positive for our overall profitability. I think that day will happen.

In any case, it has been a good year. Record earnings for our 9 months, record assets and deposits as well as a loan portfolio just short of \$400 million continues the progress we have made over the last few years. Our Trust com-

pany continues to show significant growth in assets under management and our new Trust representatives are meeting with great success in introducing many new relationships to our company.

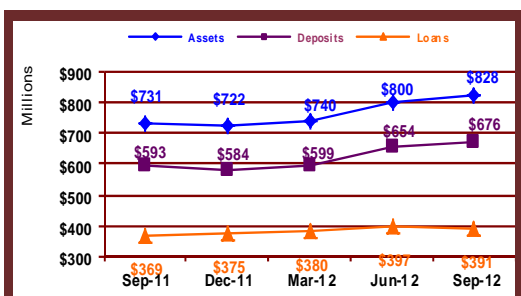
Our stock price is pushing close to record levels while our book value per share is over \$26. We are working hard to close out another successful year. I will update you in January on the results of 2012.

Thank you for your investment in First Bankers Trustshares, Inc. Enclosed is your dividend check or, it has been credited to your account as directed.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur E. Greenbank
President/CEO

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

Income Statement Data	For The Three Months Period Ended September 30,			For the Nine Months Period Ended September 30,		
	2012	2011	% Chg	2012	2011	2010
Net interest income	\$ 4,851	\$ 5,035	(3.65)%	\$ 14,855	\$ 14,156	\$ 12,548
Provision for loan losses	360	360	0.00 %	1,080	1,080	810
Noninterest income	3,201	2,946	8.66 %	9,871	7,740	8,418
Noninterest expense	5,662	5,123	10.52 %	16,114	14,408	13,145
Income taxes	539	660	(18.33)%	2,245	1,699	2,055
Net Income	\$ 1,491	\$ 1,838	(18.88)%	\$ 5,287	\$ 4,709	\$ 4,956

Ratios	For The Three Months Period Ended September 30,			For the Nine Months Period Ended September 30,		
	2012	2011	% Chg	2012	2011	2010
Return on average assets (Excludes preferred stock dividends/ accretion.)	0.72%	0.80%	(10.00)%	0.91%	0.76%	0.93%
Return on average common stockholders' equity (Calculated by dividing net income, excluding preferred stock dividends/ accretion, by average common stockholders' equity. Common stockhold- ers' equity is defined as equity less preferred stock and accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.)	10.96%	12.17%	(9.94)%	13.43%	11.48%	14.18%
Net interest margin	2.56%	2.95%	(13.22)%	2.80%	2.87%	2.79%
Allowance as a percent of total loans	1.52%	1.29%	17.83 %	1.52%	1.29%	1.52%
Dividends per common share paid	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.115	30.43 %	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.345	\$ 0.345
Earnings per common share (Calculated by dividing net income less dividends and accretion on preferred stock by the weighted average number of common stock shares outstanding.)	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.72	(1.39)%	\$ 2.54	\$ 1.96	\$ 2.18
Book value per common share (Calculated by dividing stock- holders' equity, excluding preferred stock and accumulated other compre- hensive income or loss, by outstanding common shares.)	\$ 26.17	\$ 23.59	10.94 %	\$ 26.17	\$ 23.59	\$ 21.45

Balance Sheet	At September 30,			At December 31,		
	2012	2011	% Chg	2011	2010	2009
Assets	\$ 827,995	\$ 730,550	13.34 %	\$ 721,854	\$ 690,644	\$ 623,896
Investment securities	\$ 338,516	\$ 285,183	18.70 %	\$ 281,635	\$ 278,729	\$ 282,135
Loans, net of unearned income	\$ 391,312	\$ 369,062	6.03 %	\$ 375,390	\$ 337,558	\$ 292,344
Deposits	\$ 676,307	\$ 593,459	13.96 %	\$ 584,499	\$ 570,436	\$ 511,769
Short-term and other borrowings	\$ 58,409	\$ 50,893	14.77 %	\$ 48,769	\$ 43,104	\$ 38,717
Junior subordinated debentures	\$ 15,465	\$ 15,465	0.00 %	\$ 15,465	\$ 15,465	\$ 15,465
Preferred stock equity	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00 %	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,100
Stockholders' equity (Includes preferred stock and excludes accu- mulated other comprehensive income or loss.)	\$ 63,733	\$ 58,431	9.07 %	\$ 59,446	\$ 55,286	\$ 50,287

Stock Value Per Common Share Information	For The Nine Months Period Ended September 30,			For The Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	% Chg	2011	2010	2009
Price/earnings ratio	7.4	6.9	7.25 %	8.1	7.1	6.3
Stock price—High	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.45		\$ 21.50	\$ 22.01	\$ 17.10
Low	\$ 23.50	\$ 18.00		\$ 18.00	\$ 16.10	\$ 15.41
Ending	\$ 25.00	\$ 18.00	38.89 %	\$ 21.04	\$ 20.10	\$ 16.10
Book value per common share	\$ 26.17	\$ 23.59	10.94 %	\$ 24.08	\$ 21.98	\$ 19.62
Price/book value per common share	0.96	0.76	26.32 %	0.87	0.91	0.82
Common shares outstanding	2,053,026	2,053,026		2,053,026	2,051,476	2,048,574