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)

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(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):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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## 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

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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.

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

(Registrant)

July 31, 2009

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