

Hester Kevin  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hester Kevin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HOME BANCSHARES INC  
 [HOMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Lending Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2011

P.O. BOX 966  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

CONWAY, AR 72033

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	or	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	5,696	D	^
Common Stock - Restricted	^	^	^	^	^	^	4,021 <sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	1,782	I	Held by IRA
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	1,190.393 <sup>(7)</sup>	I	By 401(k)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option	\$ 6.17	^	^	^	^ ^	^ (3) ^ (4)	Common Stock	4,858
Stock Option	\$ 7.85	^	^	^	^ ^	^ (1) ^ (2)	Common Stock	2,430
Performance Stock Option	\$ 11.09	^	^	^	^ ^	01/01/2010 03/13/2016	Common Stock	7,603

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hester Kevin P.O. BOX 966 CONWAY, AR 72033	^	^	^ Chief Lending Officer	^

**Signatures**

/s/Kevin Hester by Rachel Wesson 02/09/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments. The first installment became exercisable on December 31, 2002.
- (2) The option expires 10 years from the exercisable date, therefore the first installment became exercisable on December 31, 2002 and expires on December 31, 2012.

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- (3) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments. The first installment became exercisable on December 31, 1999.
- (4) The option expires 10 years from the exercisable date, therefore the first installment became exercisable on December 31, 1999 and would have expired on December 31, 2009.
- (5) Restricted Stock granted on February 2, 2011 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each February 2nd.
- (6) Restricted Stock granted on January 22, 2010 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each January 22nd.
- (7) Includes 3.775 shares acquired through the Home BancShares, Inc. 401(k) Plan since the last filing.

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