



## **SOUTHERN FIRST HIRES CHIEF BANKING OFFICER**

**Greenville, South Carolina, April 2, 2019** – Southern First Bancshares, Inc. (**NASDAQ: SFST**), holding company for Southern First Bank, is pleased to announce the appointment of Cal Hurst as Executive Vice President, Chief Banking Officer.

Hurst has worked in the banking industry for the past 13 years, helping clients grow their businesses and plan for their future. He is passionate about creating long-term relationships and making a positive impact. As Chief Banking Officer, Hurst will significantly contribute to the strategic planning and direction of the bank.

In addition to his extensive industry experience, he has been extremely active in the community via LiveWell Greenville, Reach Out and Read, Greenville First Steps, Greenville Chamber of Commerce, March of Dimes, First Presbyterian Church, Furman University, and the United Way.

Cal is married and has two children.

Art Seaver, Southern First Chief Executive Officer stated, “We are incredibly proud to add Cal to our executive team, and he will carry the role of our company’s Chief Banking Officer. In this position, Cal will be responsible for managing the client experience, culture, client solutions, and strategy for each of our six markets.”

### **ABOUT SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES**

Southern First Bancshares, Inc., Greenville, South Carolina is a registered bank holding company incorporated under the laws of South Carolina. The Company consists of Southern First Bank, the third largest bank headquartered in South Carolina. Southern First Bancshares has been providing financial services since 1999 and now operates in ten locations in the Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston markets of South Carolina as well as Raleigh and Greensboro, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia. Southern First Bancshares has assets of approximately \$1.9 billion and its common stock is traded in the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “SFST.” More information can be found at [www.southernfirst.com](http://www.southernfirst.com).

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