



SmartBank, known for its progressiveness and innovative style of banking, was organized in 2006 and has been building a foundation of strong leadership, forward thinking and a sincere desire to provide incomparable client service.





# LETTER TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

WE BEGIN our annual letter again with a thank you to our shareholders, clients, and associates for their support in helping our company accomplish another year of outstanding performance.

Our performance for 2019 was the strongest in our company's history. Net income for the year totaled \$26.5 million, equating to an earnings per diluted share of \$1.89. This strong, consistent earnings stream has allowed us to initiate the payment of our first quarterly dividend.

We ended the year with assets in excess of \$2.4 billion, ranking us as the 6th largest bank chartered in the state of Tennessee. We have also continued to grow our franchise in Alabama, opening a new facility in Fairhope, and in Florida, with a new branch in Panama City. In addition to











those expansions, we continue to solidify our position in several Southeastern markets. We have made outstanding team additions in Murfreesboro, Chattanooga and Maryville in Tennessee, as well as Tuscaloosa and Huntsville in Alabama. These are some of the strongest markets in our region and we are investing in these areas for future growth.

We continued our focus on franchise growth by taking advantage of the expanding markets where we operate.

While the growth is exciting, the quality of the growth has been outstanding. Our continued focus on credit quality remains one of our top priorities. Balancing growth and credit quality is a key strength of our company.

During 2019, we focused on efficiency gains and expense reduction initiatives to better leverage the acquisitions we have made over the past couple of

years. This work will yield great results beyond just the current year. Our team remains diligent on growing the core earnings momentum of the company with a key focus on earnings per share. We now can leverage the foundation we have in place to accomplish those goals and look forward to watching this company become even stronger.

As we look ahead, the future is very bright for SmartFinancial. Our markets, our associates and our clients make this an extremely unique organization. It is with great pride that we end this letter with a word on the outstanding culture we're building. Our company is consistently getting recognized regionally as a "top workplace" and the energy within our team is tremendous. On behalf of our fellow board members, our management team and nearly 400 associates, thank you for your support and loyalty to SmartFinancial and SmartBank.

Sincerely,

Miller Welborn
Chairman of the Board
SmartFinancial, Inc.

Billy Carroll
President & CEO
SmartFinancial, Inc.

# VISION

Our vision is to build exceptional value for our brand and for our

# SHAREHOLDERS, ASSOCIATES, CLIENTS, and COMMUNITIES

by delivering more than they think possible.

We build exceptional value for our

SHAREHOLDERS by managing growth and maximizing profitability, return on investment, stock value, dividends, and liquidity.

We build exceptional value for our

**ASSOCIATES** by fostering a more fulfilling environment that respects individual needs, establishes high expectations and recognizes achievement.

We build exceptional value

for our **CLIENTS** by demonstrating incomparable care for their needs and increasing their financial wealth.

We build exceptional value in our

**COMMUNITIES** by providing lasting solutions to their problems and protecting their greatest assets.

We've achieved this through the integrity and innovation of our Associates and Directors —

it's THE SMARTBANK WAY.

# MISSION



# SmartBank. BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**VIC BARRETT** 



MILLER WELBORN Chairman **BILLY CARROLL** President & CEO **BILL CARROLL** Vice-Chairman



MONIQUE BERKE Vice President of Business Transformation at CBL Properties









TED MILLER Business Manager & Partner of Dolly Parton Productions





# DAVID OGLE

President and Co-founder of Five Oaks Development Group







DR. KEITH WHALEY Founder of Whaley

Family Eyecare





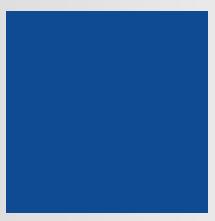
Owner of The Park Grill and The Peddler Steakhouse



# 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- ▲ Successfully completed the acquisition and integration of **Maryville**, **TN**-based Foothills Bank & Trust
- ▲ Opened a Loan Production Office in Tallahassee, FL
- ▲ Named to Fortune Magazine's Annual 100 Fastest-Growing Companies list
- ▲ Constructed and relocated our Fairhope Branch Team into a brand-new office in Fairhope, AL
- ▲ Constructed and relocated our Panama City Branch and Mortgage Teams into a brand-new office in Panama City, FL
- ▲ Renovated SmartFinancial corporate headquarters and Bearden branch in **Knoxville, TN**
- ▲ Awarded a **Top Workplace** designation for the **third year in a row**
- ▲ Announced the company's 7th acquisition of Progressive Savings Bank based in **the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee**
- ▲ Announced the company's **first cash dividend** for shareholders

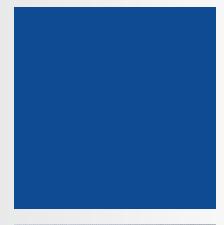




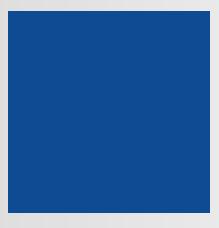








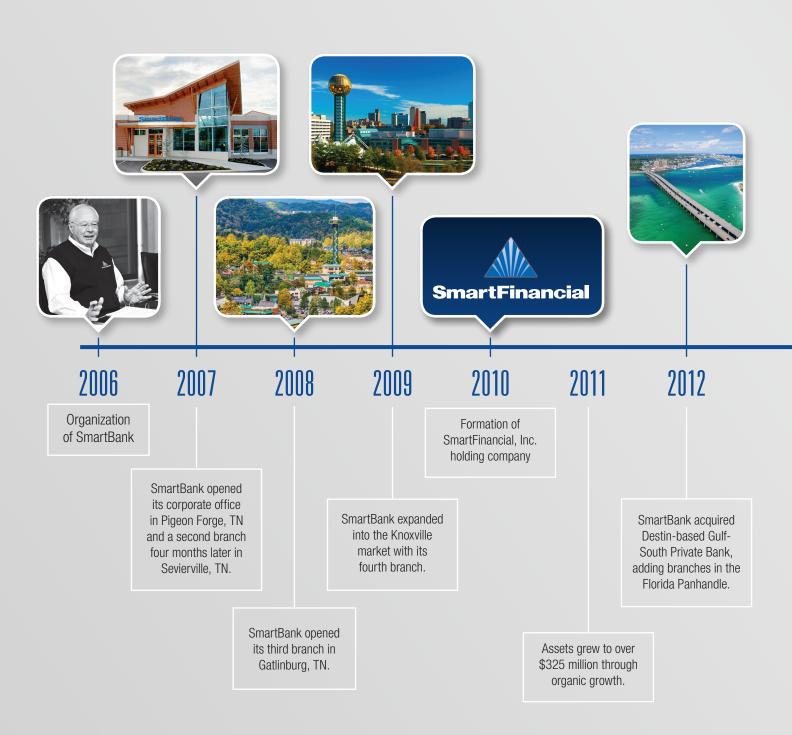






# FROM THE START

SmartBank organized in 2006 with the goal to build an innovative and dynamic bank with unmatched client service. SmartBank opened its first office in January 2007 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and has expanded its footprint to total 29 branches across Tennessee, Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and growing. Pairing these strong and dynamic markets with the best people, advanced technology and innovative products will continue to drive the company's expansion and future growth opportunities.

















2013

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2015

2016

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2018

2019

SmartBank opened the Panama City, FL loan production office and relocated the Pensacola, FL branch. SmartBank also opened its newly designed and second location in Knoxville, TN.

SmartFinancial, Inc. announced trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the ticker symbol: SMBK. SmartBank successfully completed the acquisition and integration of an FSG Bank branch in Cleveland, TN. SmartFinancial, Inc. closed the acquisition of Tuscaloosa, AL-based Capstone Bank.

Successfully completed the integration of Maryville, TN-based Foothills Bank & Trust. Opened a Loan Production Office in Tallahassee, FL. Named to Fortune's annual 100 Fastest-Growing Companies List.

SmartFinancial, Inc., parent company of SmartBank, and Cornerstone Bancshares, Inc., parent company of Cornerstone Community Bank, jointly announced a definitive agreement to merge, creating a combined company that will operate under the name SmartFinancial, Inc.

SmartBank successfully completed the merger and integration with Chattanooga-based Cornerstone Community Bank, becoming a \$1 billion combined company.

SmartBank successfully completed the acquisition and integration of Tuscaloosabased Capstone Bank, and Tullahoma-based Southern Community Bank.

SmartFinancial, Inc. closed the acquisition of Maryville-based Foothills Bank and Trust.

# CULTURE

# CORE VALUES

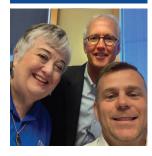
"SmartBank associates work hard to achieve our goals within the company. We love to see accomplishment and growth."

ACT WITH INTEGRITY

**B**E Enthusiastic **C**REATE POSITIVITY

**D**EMONSTRATE ACCOUNTABILITY

EMBRACE Change



"My managers do a great job of being available and having an open door policy when it comes to their associate's needs. I have received support from my managers on multiple occasions both professionally and personally and this makes a world of difference. I truly feel supported and appreciated both as a person and an associate."



"Client service is second to none at SmartBank. All SmartBank associates work to provide the best service for our clients."











We will achieve our desired position to be the Southeast's next great community bank by:

CREATING "WOW" Experiences EXHIBITING OVER-THE-TOP ENTHUSIASM AND POSITIVITY DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL, PROFESSIONAL & KNOWLEDGEABLE SERVICE

"We are dedicated to making our clients feel like this is home.

For example, we [try not to] miss the small opportunities. I was working in the drive-thru when someone broke down at our ATM and he pushed his truck to the side. It was a hot day, and I brought out some waters for him and made sure he knew he could come inside to get out of the hot sun."





# martBank. EXECUTIVE TEAM

# BILLY CARROLL President

Chief Executive Officer

## **BEVERLY ATCHLEY**

Senior Vice President Senior Deposit Operations & Administrative Officer

## **GREG DAVIS**

Executive Vice President Chief Lending Officer

## **KELLEY FOWLER**

Senior Vice President Director of Marketing and Public Relations

## RON GORCZYNSKI

Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer

## RHETT JORDAN

Executive Vice President Chief Credit Officer

## **GARY PETTY**

Executive Vice President Chief Risk Officer

## DIANE SHORT

Executive Vice President Chief Human Resources Officer

















# REGIONAL PRESIDENTS



MIKE HONEYCUTT Northeast Tennessee



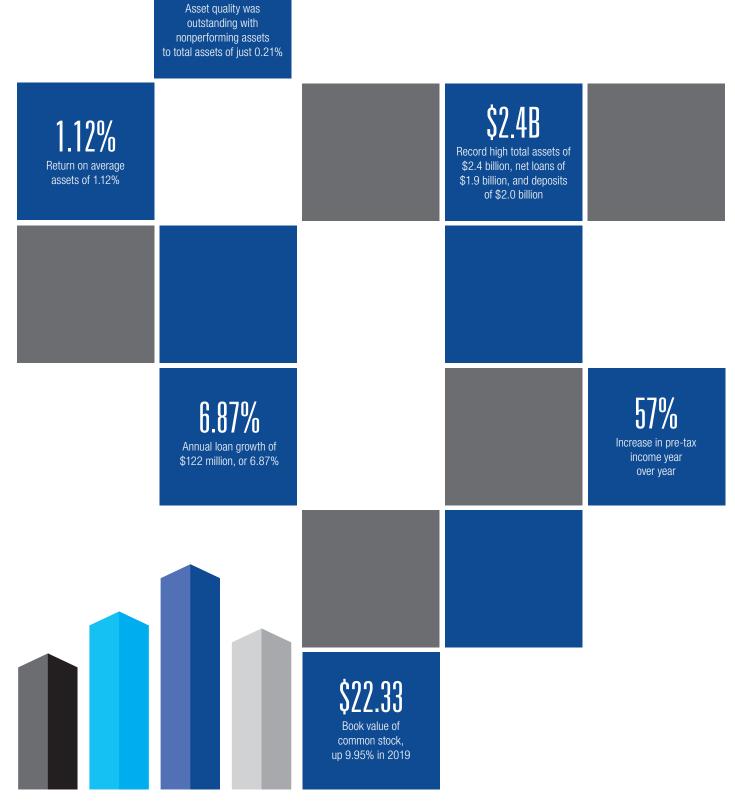
ROBERT KUHN Alabama and Florida



BARRY WATSON Southeast Tennessee

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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# **SmartFinancial**

## SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF SMARTFINANCIAL

The following selected historical consolidated financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 is derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the company. (Amounts are in thousands, except ratios, per share data, and other data.)



	Years Ended	Years Ended December 31, 2019 2018	
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS Total interest income Total interest expense	\$108,455 24,575	\$ 92,210 15,566	
Net interest income Provision for loan losses	83,880 2,599	76,644 2,936	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	81,281	73,708	
Non interest income Non interest expense	15,315 63,151	6,584 58,957	
Income before income taxes Income tax expense	33,445 6,897	21,335 3,233	
Net income available to shareholders	\$26,548	\$18,102	
SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA:			
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.46	
Diluted earnings per share	1.89	1.45	
Equity per share outstanding	22.33	20.31	
Tangible book value per share <sup>1</sup>	16.82	14.64	
Dividends per share	0.05	N/A	
Actual shares outstanding Weighted average shares outstanding	14,008 13,953	13,934 12,424	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	14,046	12,518	
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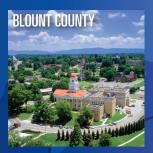
	Years End 2019	led December 31, 2018
BALANCE SHEET DATA:		
Average total assets	\$ 2,339,340	\$ 1,962,717
Average gross loans, net of deferred loan fees	1,840,821	1,511,724
Average interest-earning assets	2,137,364	1,739,983
Average deposits	1,964,017	1,667,360
Average interest-bearing deposits	1,620,406	1,381,631
Average interest-bearing liabilities	1,681,148	1,424,365
Average total shareholders' equity	298,729	242,451
SELECTED FINANCIAL RATIOS:		
Return on average assets	1.13%	0.92%
Return on average equity	8.89%	7.47%
Average equity to average total assets	12.77%	12.35%
Efficiency ratio	63.66%	70.84%
Net interest margin <sup>1</sup>	3.95%	4.43%
Net interest spread <sup>2</sup>	3.64%	4.22%
CAPITAL RATIOS:3		
Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)	13.31%	12.74%
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)	12.81%	12.31%
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)	12.81%	12.31%
Tier 1 Capital (to Average Assets)	11.41%	11.17%
ASSET QUALITY RATIOS:		
Net charge-offs to average loans	(0.03)%	(0.03)%
Allowance for loan losses to loans	0.54%	0.47%
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	305.76%	252.29%
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.21%	0.25%
OTHER DATA:		
Branches	29	29
Loan production offices	2	4
Operation centers	2	2
Full-time equivalent employees	399	387

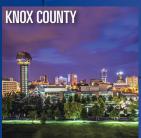
#### **Table Assumptions**

Net interest margin is the result of net interest income calculated on a tax-equivalent basis divided by average interest earning assets for the period.

Net interest spread is calculated as the yields realized on interest-bearing assets less the rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For SmartBank

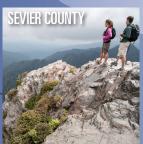


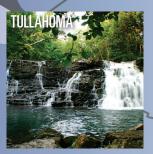






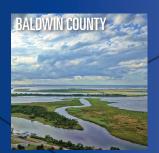






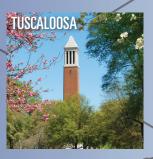
## TENNESSEE

A true Tennessee native, veteran banking executive Bill Carroll, and son, Billy Carroll, along with several other local and successful business entrepreneurs decided to organize a bank in 2006 with a vision to build an innovative and dynamic bank with the image, values and service level unlike any other community bank in the market. SmartBank opened its first office in January 2007 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and has since expanded its footprint across several of the Southeast's strongest and most desired markets. SmartBank now operates 29 branches across Tennessee, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.









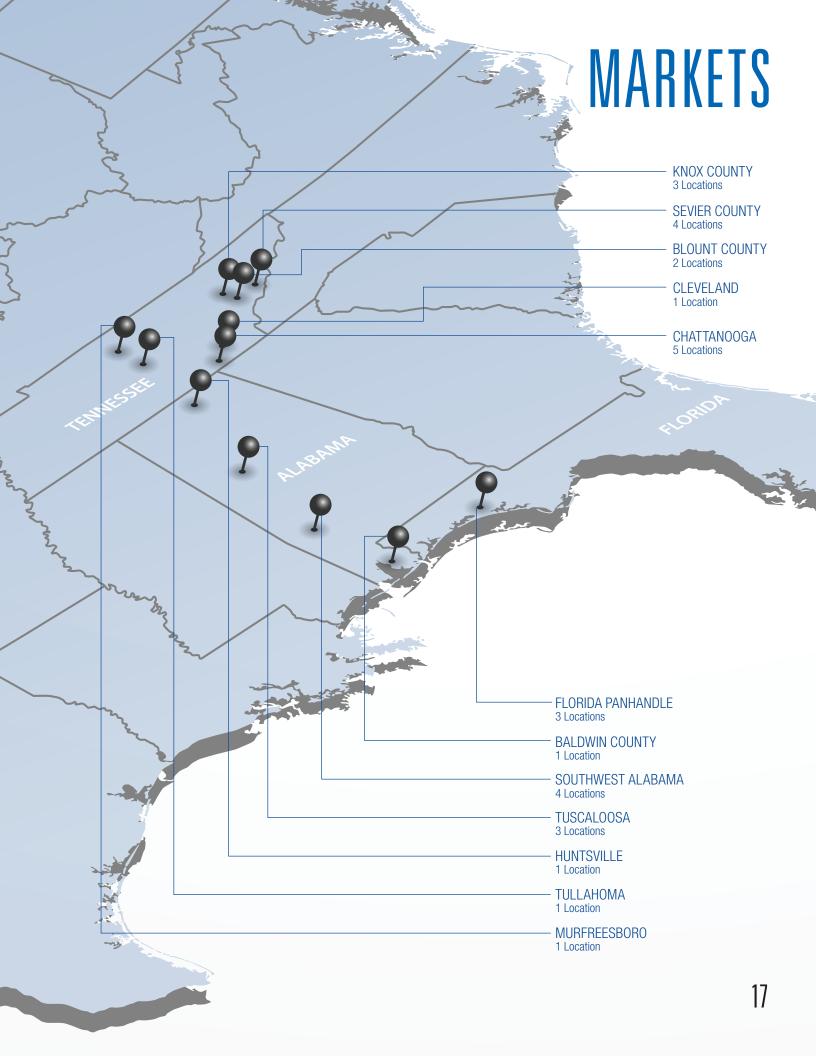
# ALABAMA

SmartBank completed the integration of Tuscaloosa-based Capstone Bank in early 2018, adding eight branches, including three in Tuscaloosa, Northport and Indian Hills, and five spanning throughout Southwest Alabama to the coast with a new branch in Fairhope. Alabama is a great banking market and the pairing with Capstone Bank and SmartBank was a perfect match as both banks have deep roots in their communities, cultural alignment and a disciplined client-first focus.



# FLORIDA

SmartBank's expansion into the Florida Panhandle by way of its first acquisition (2012) of GulfSouth Private Bank has proven that growth in this thriving market continues to be strong with lots of opportunities for continued success. SmartBank operates Smartbank operated full services branches in Pensacola, Destin and Panama City, and a Loan Production Office in Tallahassee.



# CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY









Events attended by to support our communities in 2019





\$184,782

Donations since 2010 to organizations SmartBank's Park Partners Program













Volunteer hours logged by SmartBank Associates in 2019





# INVESTOR RELATIONS

## SmartFinancial, Inc. **Annual Shareholders' Meeting**

Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 3:00 pm SmartBank - Pigeon Forge Branch 2430 Teaster Lane Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 Meeting contact: Frank Hughes at frank.hughes@smartbank.com

#### **Electronic Voting**

2019 SmartFinancial, Inc. Annual Report.

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**Market Makers** 

Credit Swiss 1st Boston Piper Sandler Companies Merrill Lynch Citi Group

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

#### **Stock Transfer Agent Info**

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This document may contain forward-looking statements about SmartFinancial which are within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and such statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements with respect to anticipated future operating and financial performance, growth opportunities, interest rates, and cost savings anticipated to be realized by management. Words such as "may," "could," "should," "would," "believe," "anticipate." "estimate." "expect." "intend." "plan" and similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements by SmartFinancial and its management are based on beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions of management and are not guarantees of future performance. No assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will occur, or if any of them do so, what impact they will have on our results of operations or financial condition. We disclaim any obligation to update or revise any forwardlooking statements based on the occurrence of future events, the receipt of new information, or otherwise. The factors we discuss in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available online at www.sec.gov, and those presented elsewhere by our management from time to time, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements made in this document.

### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We report our results in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). However, management believes that certain non-GAAP performance measures used in managing the business may provide meaningful information about underlying trends in its business. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, our reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

#### Stock Symbol Nasdag Capital Market:

**SMBK** 

#### Analyst Coverage

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