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**FIRST FEDERAL BANCSHARES OF ARKANSAS, INC.
ANNOUNCES A QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND**

Harrison, Arkansas – November 21, 2008 - (NASDAQ GM:FFBH) First Federal Bancshares of Arkansas, Inc. (the "Corporation"), a unitary savings and loan holding company for First Federal Bank (the "Bank") announced today that its Board of Directors declared a \$.16 (sixteen cents) cash dividend on the common stock of the Corporation payable on December 16, 2008 to the stockholders of record at the close of business on December 2, 2008.

Larry J. Brandt, CEO of the Corporation, stated, "This will be our 48th consecutive cash dividend. Our strong capital base and continued profitability afford us the opportunity to pay another consecutive quarterly cash dividend. Such action demonstrates our commitment to and confidence in our future prospects."

First Federal is a community bank serving consumers and businesses in Northcentral and Northwest Arkansas with a full range of checking, savings, investment, and loan products and services. The Bank, founded in 1934, has \$789.8 million in assets and conducts business from 20 full-service branch locations, one stand-alone loan production office, and 31 ATMs. For more information, visit us on the web at www.ffbh.com.