

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC

Form 8-K

March 09, 2006

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 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): March 8, 2006**

**Carriage Services, Inc.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

Delaware

*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

1-11961

*(Commission  
File Number)*

76-0423828

*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

3040 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 300

Houston, Texas 77056

*(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(713) 332-8400

- o Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

In the press release dated March 8, 2006, the Company announced and commented on its financial results for its fiscal quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by this reference. The information being furnished under Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits, including the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities of that Section.

The Company's press release dated March 8, 2006 contains non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, the Company has provided quantitative reconciliations within the press release of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished as part of this current report on Form 8-K:
  - 99.1 Press Release dated March 8, 2006.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Carriage Services, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CARRIAGE SERVICES, INC.

Dated: March 9, 2006

By: /s/ Joseph Saporito  
Joseph Saporito  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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