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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KEMPER DAVID W

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC
/MO/ [CBSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2005

X Director _____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board, CEO

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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☐ 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/09/2005		S		4,440	D \$ 48.9992	1,012,437	D	
Common Stock							1,534	I	Bank cust for son
Common Stock							19,031	I	CB Kemper Trust
Common Stock							19,035	I	EC Kemper Trust
							5,990	I	

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Common Stock				Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock	19,035	I		JW Kemper Trust
Common Stock	2,002,568	I		James M Kemper Trust
Common Stock	39,897	I		MLK Trust- JMK issue
Common Stock	143,533	I		Tower Properties Co
Common Stock	19,022	I		WL Kemper Trust

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Code V (A) (D)				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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KEMPER DAVID W

1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR X

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Chairman of the Board, CEO

Signatures

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: David W.
Kemper

02/09/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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