

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LEADBEATER SETH M**

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)  
**8000 FORSYTH BLVD.**  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/17/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice Chairman

**CLAYTON, MO 63105**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	05/17/2005		S		1,000	D	\$ 49.2
Common Stock	05/17/2005		S		1,656	D	\$ 49.1
Common Stock	05/17/2005		S		700	D	\$ 49.09
Common Stock	05/17/2005		S		900	D	\$ 49.08
Common Stock	05/17/2005		S		500	D	\$ 49.06

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Common Stock	05/17/2005	S	6,332	D	\$ 49.05	18,758	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2005	M	11,088	A	\$ 23.7506	29,846	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2005	S	7,912	D	\$ 49.05	21,934	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2005	M	9,332	A	\$ 23.7506	31,266	D	
Common Stock						4,423	I	401K

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.7506	05/17/2005		M		11,088	02/04/2000 02/03/2010	Common Stock	11,088
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.7506	05/18/2005		M		9,332	02/04/2000 02/03/2010	Common Stock	9,332

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEADBEATER SETH M 8000 FORSYTH BLVD.			Vice Chairman	

CLAYTON, MO 63105

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Seth M.  
Leadbeater

05/19/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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