

BARTH KEVIN G  
Form 4  
December 15, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BARTH KEVIN G

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)  
12/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount | (A) or (D) Price |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 12/14/2005                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                   | 25     | A \$ 53.26       | 5,879                                                                                         | I                                                        | Exec Comp Plan                    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 18,276                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 10,226                                                                                        | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                      | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| BARTH KEVIN G<br>1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 | Senior Vice President            |

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Kevin G. Barth 12/15/2005

\_\_\_\_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).

(1) Stock holdings adjusted to include 5% stock dividend - record date 11/29/05; payable 12/13/05.

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