

BARTH KEVIN G
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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 *
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)
12/28/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock	12/28/2004		M	V	6,104	A	\$ 11.869	20,063	D	
Common Stock								8,996	I	401K
Common Stock								4,447	I	Exec Comp Plan

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(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 (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. Date Acquired or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	9. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.869	12/28/2004		M	6,104	02/03/1995 02/03/2005	Common Stock	6,104	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Kevin G. Barth 12/29/2004

**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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