

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
KEMPER JONATHAN 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)  
1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2005

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	12/16/2005		M		13,471 A \$ 14.5804	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005		M		16,334 A \$ 14.5804	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005		F		4,239 D \$ 52.88	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005		F		3,714 D \$ 52.88	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005		F		3,957 D \$ 52.88	D	

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Common Stock	12/16/2005	F	4,503	D	\$ 52.88	926,393	D	
Common Stock						18,067	I	401K
Common Stock						19,982	I	Charlotte Kemper Trs
Common Stock						24,823	I	David BR Kemper Trst
Common Stock						37,724	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock						118,069	I	Irrev Trust for self
Common Stock						41,891	I	Irrev Trust-children
Common Stock						220,875	I	Julie Kemper Irrev
Common Stock						19,963	I	Nicolas Kemper Trst
Common Stock						150,709	I	Tower Properties Co

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.5804	12/16/2005		M	13,471	02/08/1996	02/07/2006	Common Stock	13,471

Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.5804	12/16/2005	M	16,334	02/08/1996	02/07/2006	Common Stock	16,334
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KEMPER JONATHAN M 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106	X		Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Jonathan M.  
Kemper

12/20/2005

\_\_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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