

KEMPER DAVID W  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**03/12/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 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)  
 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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/12/2012		S		50,000	D	\$ 39.2199 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock					1,837	I	Bank Cust For Son
Common Stock					13,387	I	Cb Kemper Trust
Common Stock					13,388	I	Cb Kemper Rev Trust

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Common Stock	13,387	I	Ec Kemper Trust
Common Stock	13,388	I	Ec Kemper Revoc Trst
Common Stock	9,856	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock	26,561	I	Jw Kemper Trust
Common Stock	201,962	I	Tower Properties Co
Common Stock	26,761	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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
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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

KEMPER DAVID W  
1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR X  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Chairman of the Board, CEO

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: David W.  
Kemper

03/13/2012

\_\_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) Range of sale prices for 3/12/2012 us \$39.13 to \$39.39 per share.

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