COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 13686

(Street)

KANSAS CITY, MO 64199-3686

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/13/2004		A		156 (1)	A	$ 49.04	35,260	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock								858,830	D	
Common Stock								16,638	I	401K
Common Stock								19,031	I	Charlotte Kemper Trs
Common Stock								23,641	I	David BR Kemper Trst

Common Stock	112,447	I	Irrev Trust for self
Common Stock	39,897	I	Irrev Trust-children
Common Stock	212,858	I	Julie Kemper Irrev
Common Stock	19,013	I	Nicolas Kemper Trst
Common Stock	143,533	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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KEMPER JONATHAN M PO BOX 13686 KANSAS CITY, MO 64199-3686	X		Vice Chairman	

Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Jonathan M. Kemper	12/14/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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

(1) All holdings reported in column 5 of this form have been restated for a 5% stock dividend, ex-date 11/24/2004.

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