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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OR QUARTER ENDED: 9/30/11

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THIS AMENDMENT (CHECK ONLY ONE.): ( ) RESTATEMENT.  
( ) ADDS NEW HOLDINGS ENTRIES.

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NAME: COMMERCE BANCSHARES, INC.  
ADDRESS: 1000 WALNUT, P.O. BOX 13686  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64199

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NAME: JEFFERY D. ABERDEEN  
TITLE: CONTROLLER  
PHONE: 816-234-2081

SIGNATURE, PLACE, AND DATE OF SIGNING:

JEFFERY D. ABERDEEN KANSAS CITY, MO 10/21/11

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- ( ) 13F HOLDINGS REPORT  
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LIST OF OTHER MANAGERS REPORTING FOR THIS MANAGER:  
28-05260 COMMERCE BANK, N.A. (MISSOURI)

I AM SIGNING THIS REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.