

BARTH KEVIN G
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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 *
 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)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/28/2005

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
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) | Amount or Price | | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/28/2005 | | A | 871 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 20,934 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 9,174 | I | 401K |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,447 | I | Exec Comp Plan |

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 47.16 | 01/28/2005 | | A | | 15,000 | | 01/28/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 01/28/2015 | Common Stock |

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
Date: 02/01/2005

__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).
- (1) Award of stock pursuant to Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Restricted Stock Plan.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on January 28, 2005.

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