

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 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)  
09/26/2008

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |           |   |                   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |           |   |                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/26/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 40  | A  | \$ 45.7                           | 7,485     | I | Exec Comp Plan    |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 1,155,793 | D |                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 1,639     | I | Bank cust for son |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 22,030    | I | CB Kemper Trust   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 11,015    | I | EC Kemper Trust   |

|              |           |   |                      |
|--------------|-----------|---|----------------------|
| Common Stock | 11,016    | I | EC Kemper Revoc Trst |
| Common Stock | 22,034    | I | JW Kemper Trust      |
| Common Stock | 1,902,409 | I | James M Kemper Trust |
| Common Stock | 46,184    | I | MLK Trust- JMK issue |
| Common Stock | 166,156   | I | Tower Properties Co  |
| Common Stock | 22,019    | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | 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 |
|                                | X             |           | Chairman of the Board, CEO |       |

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1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

## Signatures

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

09/29/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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