COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ Form 8-K January 17, 2019

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

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT			
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE			
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934			
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 17, 2019			
Commerce Bancshares, Inc.			
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)			
Missouri	0-2989		43-0889454
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)		(IRS Employer Identification No.)
1000 Walnut,			
Kansas City, MO		64106	
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)			
(816) 234-2000			
(Registrant's			
telephone			
number,			
including area			
code)			
(Former name or			
former address,			
if changed since			

last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of Commerce

Bancshares, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

A copy of the press release issued January 17, 2019 by Commerce Bancshares, Inc. announcing Fourth Quarter 2018 earnings is furnished under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. All information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K is available on the Company's Internet site at http://www.commercebank.com.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 17, 2019

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized. COMMERCE

BANCSHARES, INC.

By:

/s/ Jeffery D. Aberdeen Jeffery D. Aberdeen Controller (Chief Accounting Officer)

Date: January 17, 2019