COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/
Form 8-K
April 15, 2009

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): April 14, 2009

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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

A copy of the press release issued April 14, 2009 by Commerce Bancshares, Inc. announcing First Quarter 2009 earnings is attached hereto 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. The reference to the Company s website address does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained on the website, and such information should not be considered part of this filing.

The information under Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99.1 shall be deemed filed rather than furnished for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and shall be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 14, 2009 (filed rather than furnished under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended)

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: April 14, 2009

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