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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HEBENSTREIT JAMES B Issuer Symbol **COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC** (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR 02/29/2008 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code Amount (D) Common 02/29/2008(1) Α 108 36,791 D A Stock 41.65 Common

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

HEBENSTREIT JAMES B 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR X KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Signatures

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: James B. Hebenstreit

Date

03/04/2008

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- 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) Shares purchased under Commerce Bancshares, Inc. stock purchase plan for non-employee directors.

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