

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 8-K

January 24, 2005

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**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 24, 2005

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 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.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

As of January 24, 2005, the Company has prepared presentation materials which provide information on some of the major activities and initiatives occurring at the Company. These materials also provide additional information about the Company's past financial performance with some information regarding the Company's expectations for results of its net interest margin and other operating areas. These presentation materials are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. They are presented for illustration purposes only and are not official publicly filed documents. No representation is made that the information presented is accurate or complete and the material is not to be used for investment purposes. The material is available on the Company's web site at www.commercebank.com under the section titled "Investor Relations".

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

This exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 hereof and should not be deemed to be filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Exhibit

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Slide presentation

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)

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