COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

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10% Owner

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

X Director

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC

Symbol

(Middle)

/MO/ [CBSH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

KEMPER DAVID W

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

See Instruction

| 1000 WALN | NUT ST., 7TH FL | | Day/Year) 2005 | | | | _X_ Officer (gives below) Chairma | ve title Otherwood of the Board. | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| KANSAS C | CITY, MO 64106 | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose | ed of (D) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/28/2005 | | A | 30 | A | \$ 47.36 | 6,020 | I | Exec Comp Plan | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,008,682 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,534 | I | Bank cust for son | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 19,031 | I | CB Kemper Trust | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 19,035 | I | EC Kemper Trust | | |

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| Common Stock | 19,035 | I | JW Kemper Trust |
|-----------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock | 2,002,568 | I | James M Kemper Trust |
| Common Stock | 39,897 | I | MLK Trust- JMK issue |
| Common Stock | 143,533 | I | Tower Properties Co |
| Common Stock | 19,022 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | : | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|-------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transa | ction | Number | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Unde | rlying | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. | 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | į. | Securities | | | (Instr | 3 and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| | | | | | (| (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | |] | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (| (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4 | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | Amount | |
| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | |
| | | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | |
| | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | of | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| KEMPER DAVID W 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 | X | | Chairman of the Board, CEO | | | | | |

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Signatures

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

03/29/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

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