BARTH KEVIN G

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

Stock (2)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BARTH KEVIN G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) POBOX 13	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2004					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
	(Street)			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			
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								lly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) c l 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	11/02/2004			A	5,000 (1)	A	\$0	13,295	D			
Common Stock								8,569	I	401K		
Common								4 218	T	Exec		

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARTH KEVIN G P O BOX 13686

Senior Vice President

KANSAS CITY, MO 64199-3686

Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Kevin G.
Barth

11/04/2004

**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).
- (1) Award of stock pursuant to Commerce Bancshares, Inc. Restricted Stock Plan.
- (2) At 12/31/2002, an additional 7,119 common shares were held indirectly through a 401(K) plan, and 6,290 common shares were held directly.

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