

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KEMPER JONATHAN M**

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) (First) (Middle)  
**1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/02/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice Chairman

**KANSAS CITY, MO 64106**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/02/2008		F	6,069 D \$ 39.98	1,128,249	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/02/2008		M	43,974 A \$ 23.4822	1,172,223	D	
Common Stock					23,503	I	401K
Common Stock					23,131	I	Charlotte Kemper Trs
Common Stock					28,735	I	David BR Kemper Trst

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Common Stock	52,212	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock	136,678	I	Irrev Trust for self
Common Stock	48,493	I	Irrev Trust-children
Common Stock	224,242	I	Julie Kemper Irrev
Common Stock	23,109	I	Nicolas Kemper Trst
Common Stock	174,463	I	Tower Properties Co

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.4822	12/02/2008		M	43,974	02/01/1999 02/01/2009	Common Stock	43,974	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KEMPER JONATHAN M 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106	X		Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Jonathan M.  
Kemper

12/04/2008

\_\_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) Stock holdings adjusted to include 5% stock dividend. Record date 11/14/2008. Payable date 12/1/2008.

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