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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A HEBENSTE	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) 1000 WALN	(First) (I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2009					X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
	(Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Mon				te Origina	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
KANSAS C	CITY, MO 64106							Person	note than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D) 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)		
Common Stock	02/28/2009(1)			A	130	A	\$ 34.73	39,587	D		
Common Stock								4,025	I	IRA	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
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					4, and 5)						
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						Lacicisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

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. 03/02/2009 Hebenstreit

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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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