FOSTER SARA E

Form 4

November 24, 2009

## FORM 4

### 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 Address of Reporting Person * FOSTER SARA E	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	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/23/2009	Director 10% Owner 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			
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y 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)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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	11/23/2009		M	8,383	A	\$ 27.7741	18,228	D	
Common Stock	11/23/2009		S	8,383	D	\$ 41.27	9,845	D	
Common Stock							9,563	I	401K

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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 proof 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 Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.7741	11/23/2009		M	8,383	03/06/2003	03/05/2013	Common Stock	8,3

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FOSTER SARA E 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Senior Vice President

# **Signatures**

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: Sara E. Foster

11/24/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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