

KEMPER DAVID W  
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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 DAVID W

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)  
02/17/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board, CEO

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2006		A	3,730 (1)	A \$ 0	1,062,618	D
Common Stock						1,569	I Bank cust for son
Common Stock						19,982	I CB Kemper Trust
Common Stock						9,992	I EC Kemper Trust
Common Stock						9,993	I EC Kemper Revoc Trst

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Common Stock	6,407	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock	19,986	I	JW Kemper Trust
Common Stock	2,102,696	I	James M Kemper Trust
Common Stock	41,891	I	MLK Trust-JMK issue
Common Stock	150,709	I	Tower Properties Co
Common Stock	19,973	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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 51.95	02/17/2006		A	85,000	02/17/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/17/2016	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

## Signatures

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

02/21/2006

\_\_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) Restricted stock award.
  - (2) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2007.

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