

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
Form 4  
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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)  
**08/27/2009**

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

**KANSAS CITY, MO 64106**  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/27/2009                           |  | S                              | 23  | D   | \$ 38.0119 (1)   | 1,155,749 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/28/2009                           |  | S                              | 10  | D   | \$ 38.075 (2)  | 1,155,739 D   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/27/2009                           |  | S                              | 23  | D   | \$ 38.0119 (1)   | 216,190 I Julie Kemper Irrev                          |
| Common Stock                    | 08/28/2009                           |  | S                              | 10  | D   | \$ 38.075 (2)  | 216,180 I Julie Kemper Irrev                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 24,218 I 401K   |

|              |  |         |   |  |  |  |  |                      |
|--------------|--|---------|---|--|--|--|--|----------------------|
| Common Stock |  |         |   |  |  |  |  |                      |
| Common Stock |  | 23,131  | I |  |  |  |  | Charlotte Kemper Trs |
| Common Stock |  | 28,735  | I |  |  |  |  | David BR Kemper Trst |
| Common Stock |  | 53,275  | I |  |  |  |  | Exec Comp Plan       |
| Common Stock |  | 136,678 | I |  |  |  |  | Irrev Trust for self |
| Common Stock |  | 48,493  | I |  |  |  |  | Irrev Trust-children |
| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
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Code V (A) (D)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

KEMPER JONATHAN M  
1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR X Vice Chairman  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

## Signatures

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: Jonathan M. 08/31/2009  
Kemper

\_\_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) Range of sales prices for 8/27/2009 is \$38.00 to \$38.05 per share.

(2) Range of sales prices for 8/28/2009 is \$38.00 to \$38.18 per share.

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