

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 \*  
**RAUSCHER ROBERT**

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 STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/06/2004**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

**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  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M		575 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 15.3094	5,390	D
Common Stock	12/06/2004		F		177 D \$ 49.52	5,213	D
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M		1,950 A \$ 11.869	7,163	D
Common Stock	12/06/2004		F		467 D \$ 49.52	6,696	D
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M		2,602 A \$ 21.1371	9,298	D

Common Stock	12/06/2004	F	1,110	D	\$ 49.52	8,188	D	
Common Stock						5,374	I	401K

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.869	12/06/2004		M	1,950	02/03/1995 02/03/2005	Common Stock	1,950
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.3094	12/06/2004		M	<u>575</u> (1)	02/08/1996 02/08/2006	Common Stock	575
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.1371	12/06/2004		M	2,602	02/05/1997 02/05/2007	Common Stock	2,602

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAUSCHER ROBERT 1000 WALNUT STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 64106			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Robert J.  
Rauscher

12/07/2004

\_\_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) All holdings reported in column 5 of this form have been restated for a 5% stock dividend, ex-date 11/24/2004.

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