

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**PO BOX 13686**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/19/2004**

(City) (State) (Zip)  
**KANSAS CITY, MO 64199-3686**

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	11/19/2004		S	1,648	D \$ 50.54	974,281	D
Common Stock	11/19/2004		S	3,402	D \$ 50.53	970,879	D
Common Stock	11/19/2004		S	1,000	D \$ 50.52	969,879	D
Common Stock	11/19/2004		S	1,000	D \$ 50.51	968,879	D
Common Stock	11/19/2004		S	198	D \$ 50.5	968,681	D

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Common Stock	11/19/2004	S	1,648	D	\$ 50.54	967,033	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2004	S	3,402	D	\$ 50.53	963,631	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 50.52	962,631	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 50.51	961,631	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2004	S	198	D	\$ 50.5	961,433	D	
Common Stock						10,747	I	401K
Common Stock						1,461	I	Bank cust for son
Common Stock						18,125	I	CB Kemper Trust
Common Stock						18,129	I	EC Kemper Trust
Common Stock						5,680	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock						18,129	I	JW Kemper Trust
Common Stock						1,907,208	I	James M Kemper Trust
Common Stock						37,998	I	MLK Trust- JMK issue
Common Stock						136,699	I	Tower Properties Co
Common Stock						18,117	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KEMPER DAVID W PO BOX 13686 KANSAS CITY, MO 64199-3686	X		Chairman of the Board, CEO	

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: David W. Kemper  
Date: 11/22/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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