

KEMPER DAVID W  
 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 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)  
**04/17/2013**

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (D) or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/17/2013                           |  | D                              |   | 75,338 (1)<br>\$ 0  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/17/2013                           |  | A                              |   | 75,338 (1)<br>\$ 0  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/17/2013                           |  | A                              |   | 30,676<br>\$ 0  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | Bank Cust For Son                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | Cb Kemper Trust                                       |

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|              |         |   |                      |
|--------------|---------|---|----------------------|
| Common Stock | 14,057  | I | Cb Kemper Rev Trust  |
| Common Stock | 0       | I | 401k                 |
| Common Stock | 14,056  | I | Ec Kemper Trust      |
| Common Stock | 14,057  | I | Ec Kemper Revoc Trst |
| Common Stock | 11,099  | I | Exec Comp Plan       |
| Common Stock | 0       | I | James M Kemper Trust |
| Common Stock | 27,889  | I | Jw Kemper Trust      |
| Common Stock | 0       | I | MLk Trust-Jmk Issue  |
| Common Stock | 212,060 | I | Tower Properties Co  |
| Common Stock | 28,099  | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V                         | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 39.02   | 04/17/2013                           |  | A                              | 35,989<br>(2)   | 04/17/2014 04/17/2023                                    | Common Stock 35,9   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| KEMPER DAVID W<br>1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board, CEO |       |

## Signatures

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

04/19/2013

\_\_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).

On April 17, 2013, the Compensation and Human Resources Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved the cancellation of 75,338 shares of unvested restricted stock, originally granted to David W. Kemper, which were subject to service-based vesting, and

- (1) the replacement of those awards with an equal number of shares of performance-contingent restricted stock. The new grant contains the same service-based vesting period as the original cancelled grant, and vesting of the new grant is also subject to achievement of a performance target determined by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning April 17, 2014.

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