

KEMPER DAVID W
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 KEMPER DAVID W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR

(Street)

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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)	(A) or (D)	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/08/2008	^	G	2,329	D	\$ 0	1,210,982	D	^
Common Stock	12/08/2008	^	G	75	D	\$ 0	23,060	I	JW Kemper Trust
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	1,720	I	Bank cust for son
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	23,131	I	CB Kemper Trust

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11,565	I	EC Kemper Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	11,566	I	EC Kemper Revoc Trst
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,906	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,997,528	I	James M Kemper Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	48,493	I	MLK Trust- JMK issue
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	174,463	I	Tower Properties Co
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	23,119	I	WL Kemper Trust

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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. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

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

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Signatures

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

01/21/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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