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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BARTH KEVIN G Issuer Symbol **COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC** (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR 12/17/2012 **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	osed of , 4 and (A) or	15)	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)
Common Stock	12/17/2012		A	468	A	\$ 35.6633	10,130 (1)	I	Exec Comp Plan
Common Stock							24,740	I	401k
Common Stock							42,158	D	
Common Stock							15,693	I	Spouse & Her 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)

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/ e		Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARTH KEVIN G 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Jeffery D. Aberdeen for Kevin G. Barth

12/19/2012

**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 stock holdings adjusted to include 5% stock dividend -- record date 11/30/2012, payable 12/17/2012.

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