RAUSCHER ROBERT

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(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 RAUSCHER ROBERT 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 04/17/2013 Senior 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) (A	Table Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	str. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/17/2013		A	2,901	A	\$0	23,831	D	
Common Stock							7,886	I	401k

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number ion Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	and 5) 7 (A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
	Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 39.02	04/17/2013		A	3,332 (1)	04/17/2014	04/17/2023	Common Stock	3,332

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

04/19/2013

RAUSCHER ROBERT 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Senior Vice President

Signatures

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

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**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) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 17, 2014.

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