#### MCDONNELL THOMAS A

Form 4

February 02, 2010

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 MCDONNELL THOMAS A Issuer Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR 01/31/2010 (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)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 01/31/2010(1) A 95  $26,756 \frac{(2)}{}$ D Α Stock 39.58

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

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
2	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MCDONNELL THOMAS A 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR KANSAS CITY, MO 64106	X						

## **Signatures**

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: Thomas A.

McDonnell

02/02/2010

\*\*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) Shares purchased under Commerce Bancshares, Inc. stock purchase plan for non-employee directors.
- (2) All stock holdings adjusted to include 5% stock dividend. Record date 11/30/2009. Payable 12/15/09.

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