

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 4

July 18, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CLARK A BAYARD III**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**8000 FORSYTH BLVD.**

(Street)

**CLAYTON, MO 63105**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC  
/MO/ [CBSH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**07/15/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President, CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                        | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/15/2005                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 10,012                                                                                                             | A                                                                       | \$<br>21.1371                                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/15/2005                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 5,494                                                                                                              | A                                                                       | \$<br>21.1371                                                     |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/15/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 800                                                                                                                | D                                                                       | \$ 53.1 73,043                                                    |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/15/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 9,112                                                                                                              | D                                                                       | \$ 53.09 63,931                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/15/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 100                                                                                                                | D                                                                       | \$ 53.08 63,831                                                   |

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Common Stock      07/15/2005      F      2,173      D      \$ 53.43      61,658      D

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |              |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D) | Date Exercisable                                              | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 21.1371                                             | 07/15/2005                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 10,012                                                   |     | 02/05/1997                                                    | 02/04/2007      | Common Stock | 10,012                     |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 21.1371                                             | 07/15/2005                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 5,494                                                    |     | 02/05/1997                                                    | 02/04/2007      | Common Stock | 5,494                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                               | Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other |
| CLARK A BAYARD III<br>8000 FORSYTH BLVD.<br>CLAYTON, MO 63105 | Executive Vice President, CFO             |

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: A. Bayard  
Clark

07/18/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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