

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 4

January 02, 2003

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

FORM 4  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)  
Capps, John  
12764 Spruce Pond Rd.  
Saint Louis, MO 63131
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (CBSH)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  
12/31/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
[X] Director [ ] 10% Owner  
[ ] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below)
7. 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 Security | 2) Trans-<br>action<br>Date<br>(Month/<br>Day/Year) | 3) Trans-<br>action<br>Code<br>Code V | 4) Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>Amount | A<br>or<br>D<br>Price |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Common Stock         | 12/31/02  | A                                     | 407  | A (1)                 |

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

| 1) Title of Derivative<br>Security | 2) Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3) Trans-<br>action<br>Date | 4) Trans-<br>action<br>Code<br>Code V | 5) Number of Derivative<br>Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>A<br>D |
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Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1

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| 1) Title of Derivative Security | 3) Transaction Date | 7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8) Price of Derivative Security |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| -                               |                     | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares      |

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/S/ By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen  
For: John Capps

DATE 12/31/02