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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BALZER GIORGIO			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/ [CBSH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) 1 MOUNTAIN TOP RD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2005					X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
BERNARD	(Street) OSVILLE, NJ 079	24		ndment, Da th/Day/Year	nte Origina	1		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by M Form filed by M Person	•	rson		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D) 5) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	04/30/2005(1)			A	114	A	\$ 48.19	1,029	D			
Common Stock								7,690	I	Rev Trust for self		
Reminder: Rer	oort on a separate line	for each cl	ass of secu	rities benef	icially own	ned din	rectly or i	ndirectly				

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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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BALZER GIORGIO 151 MOUNTAIN TOP RD X BERNARDSVILLE, NJ 07924

Signatures

By: Jeffery Aberdeen For: Giorgio 05/02/2005 Balzer

> **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.

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