

FOSTER SARA E  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FOSTER SARA E

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) (First) (Middle)  
8000 FORSYTH BLVD.  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/24/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

CLAYTON, MO 63105

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount or Price			
Common Stock	11/24/2004		M		A \$ 31.8622	10,885	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		D \$ 48.75	7,408	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S		D \$ 48.78	7,008	D	
Common Stock	11/24/2004		S		D \$ 48.79	6,108	D	
Common Stock						6,109	I	401K

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.8622	11/24/2004		M	4,747 (1)	02/05/1998 02/05/2008	Common Stock	4,747

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FOSTER SARA E 8000 FORSYTH BLVD. CLAYTON, MO 63105			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Sara E. Foster  
Date: 11/26/2004

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) All holdings reported in column 5 of this form have been restated for a 5% stock dividend, ex-date 11/24/2004.

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