

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 4

February 21, 2006

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEADBEATER SETH M

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)
02/17/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice Chairman

CLAYTON, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/17/2006		A		985 ⁽²⁾	A \$ 0	38,118	D
Common Stock							4,643	I
								401K

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

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(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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 51.95	02/17/2006		A	18,000	02/17/2007 ⁽³⁾ 02/17/2016	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEADBEATER SETH M 8000 FORSYTH BLVD. CLAYTON, MO 63105			Vice Chairman	

Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Seth M.
Leadbeater

02/21/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Stock holdings adjusted to include 5% stock dividend - record date 11/29/05; payable 12/13/05.

(2) Restricted stock award.

(3) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 17, 2007.

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