

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 8-K

July 27, 2007

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

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 27, 2007

**Commerce Bancshares, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri  
(State of Incorporation)

0-2989  
(Commission File Number)

43-0889454  
(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

1000 Walnut,  
Kansas City, MO  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

64106  
(Zip Code)

(816) 234-2000

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02**     **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

Commerce Bancshares announced today the election of Mr. Dan Simons to its Board of Directors. Mr. Simons is President of the Electronic Division of The World Company of Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Simons will replace Mr. Seth Leadbeater, Vice Chairman of the Company. Mr. Leadbeater resigned in order to create a directorship for Mr. Simons and increase the number of independent directors on the Board. Mr. Leadbeater will continue as a non-director Vice Chairman of the Company.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**COMMERCE BANCSHARES, INC.**

By: /s/ Jeffery D. Aberdeen  
Jeffery D. Aberdeen  
Controller  
(Chief Accounting Officer)

Date: July 27, 2007