STRANGHOENER V RAYMOND

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STRANGHOENER V RAYMOND Issuer Symbol COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 8000 FORSYTH BLVD. 04/26/2011 **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CLAYTON, MO 63105 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) | Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Stock | 04/26/2011 | | M | 8,859 | A | ^{\$} 27.3313 | 37,756 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2011 | | S | 8,859 | D | \$ 42 | 28,897 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2011 | | M | 12,855 | A | \$ 27.3313 | 41,752 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2011 | | S | 12,855 | D | \$ 42 | 28,897 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,489 | 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 or 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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Nun of S |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.3313 | 04/26/2011 | | M | 8,859 | 03/07/2003 | 03/07/2012 | Common Stock | 8,8 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.3313 | 04/27/2011 | | M | 12,855 | 03/07/2003 | 03/07/2012 | Common Stock | 12, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| STRANGHOENER V RAYMOND | | | Executive | | | | |
| 8000 FORSYTH BLVD. | | | Vice | | | | |
| CLAYTON, MO 63105 | | | President | | | | |

Signatures

By: Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: V. Raymond
Stranghoener
04/28/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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