

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/  
Form 8-K  
July 27, 2009

**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 24, 2009**

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

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| Missouri  | 0-2989  | 43-0889454                               |
| <b>(State of Incorporation)</b>                 | <b>(Commission File Number)</b>                             | <b>(IRS Employer Identification No.)</b> |
| 1000 Walnut,<br>Kansas City, MO                 |   | 64106                                    |
| <b>(Address of principal executive offices)</b> | <b>(816) 234-2000</b>                                       | <b>(Zip Code)</b>                        |
|   | <b>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)</b> |  |

**(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

Commerce Bancshares, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.24 per share on the company's common stock payable September 25, 2009, to stockholders of record on the close of business of September 11, 2009. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 24, 2009

**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, 2009

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1              | Press Release dated July 24, 2009 |