

COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC /MO/

Form 8-K

September 01, 2006

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**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): September 1, 2006**

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

Missouri

0-2989

43-0889454

(State of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Walnut,
Kansas City, MO

64106

**(Address of principal executive
offices)**

(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:

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Item 8.01 Other Events

Commerce Bancshares, Inc. (Commerce) and West Pointe Bancorp, Inc. (West Pointe) completed the acquisition of West Pointe through a merger of the two entities. The transaction, valued at \$80.9 million in stock and cash, became effective on September 1, 2006. Commerce's acquisition of West Pointe adds approximately \$460 million in assets, \$259 million in gross loans and \$392 million in total deposits.

On September 1, 2006, Commerce and West Pointe issued a joint press release announcing the completion of the acquisition. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated September 1, 2006

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: September 1, 2006

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