

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2002

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

January 16, 2002

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(Earliest Event Reported)

Synovus Financial Corp.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Georgia  
(State of  
Incorporation)

1-10312  
(Commission File  
Number)

58-1134883  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

901 Front Avenue, Suite 301, Columbus, Georgia 31901

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(706) 649-2267

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(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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

Item Other Events.  
5.

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On January 16, 2002, Synovus Financial Corp. ("Registrant") issued a press release with respect to its earnings for the year ended December 31, 2001.

A copy of Registrant's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and by this reference is hereby incorporated by reference into this Form 8-K and made a part hereof.

Item Financial Statements. Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

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- (a) Financial Statements - None.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information - None.
- (c) Exhibits
  - 99 - Registrant's press release, January 16, 2002.

Signature

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

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.  
("Registrant")

Dated: January 16, 2002

By: /s/ Kathleen Moates  
Kathleen Moates  
Senior Deputy General Counsel