SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K October 17, 2001

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

October 17, 2001

(Earliest Event Reported)

<u>Synovus Financial Corp.</u> (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<u>Georgia</u> (State of Incorporation) <u>1-10312</u> (Commission File Number) 58-1134883 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

901 Front Avenue, Suite 301, Columbus, Georgia 31901

(Address of principal executive offices)

(706) 649-2267

(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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

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On October 17, 2001, Synovus Financial Corp. ("Registrant"), issued a press release with respect to its third quarter 2001 earnings.

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, October

17, 2001.

<u>Signature</u>

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: October 17, 2001

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By:<u>/s/ Kathleen Moates</u> Kathleen Moates Senior Deputy General Counsel

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