

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2011

# **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**

**December 23, 2011 (December 22, 2011)**

**Date of Report**

**(Date of Earliest Event Reported)**

## **Synovus Financial Corp.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Georgia**  
**(State of Incorporation)**

**1-10312**  
**(Commission)**

**58-1134883**  
**(IRS Employer)**

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File Number)  
1111 Bay Avenue, Suite 500, Columbus, Georgia 31901

Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(706) 649-2311

(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. 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))

Item 5.02     Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 22, 2011, Synovus Financial Corp. ( Synovus ) announced that Kessel D. Stelling had been elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Synovus, effective as of January 1, 2012. Mr. Stelling is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Synovus and has served as a director of Synovus since 2010. Mr. Stelling succeeds Richard E. Anthony, who has served as a director of Synovus since 1993 and as Chairman of the Board since 2006. Mr. Anthony will remain on the Synovus board as a director until the expiration of his current term at Synovus 2012 annual meeting of shareholders but will not stand for re-election as a director.

Signature

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

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.

( Synovus )

Dated: December 23, 2011

By: /s/ Samuel F. Hatcher  
Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary