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

February 10, 2021 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

001-13300 (Commission File Number)

54-1719854 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

> 22102 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 720-1000 (Not applicable) (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 t | he registrant under any of the f | following provisions (see | General Instruction |
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| A.2. below): | | | | | |

| | Written comm | unications pursi | ant to | o Rui | le 425 | under | the | Securities | Act | (17 CFR 230.425) | |
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- 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)) П
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) П

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
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| Common Stock (par value \$.01 per share) | COF | New York Stock Exchange |
| Depositary Shares, Each Representing a 1/40th Interest in a Share of Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series G | COF PRG | New York Stock Exchange |
| Depositary Shares, Each Representing a 1/40th Interest in a Share of Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series H | COF PRH | New York Stock Exchange |
| Depositary Shares, Each Representing a 1/40th Interest in a Share of Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series I | COF PRI | New York Stock Exchange |
| Depositary Shares, Each Representing a 1/40th Interest in a Share of Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series J | COF PRJ | New York Stock Exchange |
| Depositary Shares, Each Representing a 1/40th Interest in a Share of Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series K | COF PRK | New York Stock Exchange |
| 0.800% Senior Notes Due 2024 | COF24 | New York Stock Exchange |
| 1.650% Senior Notes Due 2029 | COF29 | New York Stock Exchange |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \square

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 10, 2021, Richard D. Fairbank, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Capital One Financial Corporation (the "Company"), adopted a prearranged stock trading plan (the "Plan") providing for the exercise of certain employee stock options and for the sale of a sufficient number of shares of common stock of the Company issued upon exercise of the options to cover payment of the exercise costs and estimated tax withholding amounts. The Plan covers options to purchase 360,009 shares granted as compensation to Mr. Fairbank in January 2012 with a strike price of \$45.87 (the "Plan Options"). The Plan Options will expire in January 2022.

The transactions under the Plan are expected to occur no earlier than July 2021. The Plan expires in January 2022. The Plan was established under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Company's policies regarding stock transactions. The transactions will be disclosed publicly in Form 144 and Form 4 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: February 17, 2021 By: /s/ Matthew W. Cooper

Matthew W. Cooper General Counsel