



## Join us for the Philaethes Society's 2012 Annual Assembly & Feast



Established in 1928, the Philaethes Society is the oldest independent Masonic research society in North America. Our quarterly *Philaethes* magazine features thought-provoking articles on Masonic symbolism, philosophy, ritual, artwork, literature and history. Learn more at our website, <http://freemasonry.org>.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
Sheraton Downtown Atlanta  
165 Courtland Street  
Atlanta, Georgia  
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FEATURING  
Business Meeting, 3 p.m.  
• officer elections  
• bylaws adoption  
• open to all dues-current  
Philaethes Society members

Feast, 7 p.m.  
• featuring Gary Leazer  
• open to all  
• \$50, choice of entrée  
(Mediterranean chicken  
or vegetarian option)

## Surviving the Storm: Freemasonry, the Southern Baptist Convention & the Bible

The first Southern Baptist Convention denominational attack on Freemasonry occurred in 1985 and continued for about a decade. The key to understanding this attack is a certain type of biblical interpretation used by the most fundamentalist of Southern Baptists. Most fundamentalists disagree with the interpretations used to criticize the fraternity. This particular biblical interpretation used biblical statements out of context, put biblical statements together that had no connection and generally twisted the texts to prove their false arguments.



### ABOUT GARY LEAZER

Baptist minister Gary Leazer is adjunct professor of religious studies at Mercer University and the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia.

He served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Georgia in 2005 and is presently First Grand Steward. He is editor of the *Masonic Messenger*, the official periodical of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Dinner reservations required. Purchase them  
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