



Times Remembered
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We just returned from our vacation to Myrtle Beach on Saturday. We always go with the kids on fall break to wherever they chose. It seems like it is always the beach!! Well, I am getting tired of the beach. It was very cool there and cloudy all week plus the water was so cold and windy too. It was warmer at home than it was at the beach. Bob had a very difficult time trying to fish; the wind blew so hard.

We did have fun shopping, golfing and seeing a great car show. There were beautiful antique cars that were gorgeous from several states.

Next year it's going to Betty's Doings! Perhaps a trip out west or to the mountains. To me I'd rather see mountains and greenery than sand and ocean water anytime. I

Betty's Doings!

guess I'm getting old; but been there, done that!! Now back to the present. . . I just love the fall weather this week. It's cool in the mornings and sunny in the afternoons. What better weather could you ask for? I'm thankful that we received the much needed rain last week too.

I enjoy all the fall activities such as going to festivals, harvest parties, football games and hayrides. I love eating all the seasonal fruits such as Pears, Apples, Persimmons, and hickory nuts. I like watching the squirrels scampering about, preparing for winter. My favorite thing to do in the fall is make sweet things like fried apple pies, apple stack cake and pumpkin muffins and pumpkin pies.

When I was a kid we had a large orchard, and the months of September and October meant apple picking time and all the many delights that went with a fruit that did exceptionally well in Kentucky. Mom always canned or froze scores of jars of apples, made apple butter and jelly, and stored the fruit in the basement. We also dried apples, and one of my all-time favorite desserts was a product of dried apples. A fried apple pie featured homemade crust and your own dried apples cooked up

just right with sugar and spice, which is to me an irresistible treat. It's fairly simple to make and here's the basic recipe of my Mom's:

- 5 cups of all-purpose flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup shortening (lard or Crisco)
- 1 can 5 oz evaporated milk
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups cooked apples
- 2 teaspoons powdered sugar or cinnamon (optional)

In a large bowl place combine all ingredients except apples and powdered sugar. Mix until a soft dough forms. Pinch off a small ball of the dough and roll thin.

Cut the dough in rounds using a saucer and then place the apples on one side of the circle. Fold over and seal along the edge with a little milk on the fork. Fry in piping hot lard in an iron skillet. Turn once as the pastry browns. Remove from skillet and drain on paper towels; while still warm brush with melted butter or sprinkle with powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar if preferred. The resulting "half-moons" as they were sometimes called, are scrumptious whether served hot or cold.

Woman considers allowing husband back in the house



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A woman was talking to her friend on the telephone one day, complaining about her wimpy husband.

"Since this terrible storm started," she said, "all he does is stand there and look through the window. If it gets any worse, I guess I'll have to get up and let him in."

It can be frightening to be caught in a bad storm, when lightning is flashing, thunder is rolling and the TV weatherman is warning of possible tornadoes. In such

cases, we're always advised to get into a safe place.

Well, not all storms are of the weather variety. We can face storms in life that strike terror all the way down to our toes, like when the doctor informs us that he has found cancer, or when our spouse declares he or she wants a divorce, or when the police officer knocks on the door with bad news. What then? What do we do when those kinds of storms hit?

In the same way that you have a basement or a cellar in case of tornadoes, we also need a safe place when the storms of life come crashing in on us. The safest place is just as close as we can get to our Lord.

I love what God said to Moses in Exodus 33:22: "I will put you in a cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand." Now, that would be a place of utmost security.

In Old Testament days, when the people of God were at risk of at-

tack from neighboring countries, they would build fortresses and put up towers from where they could see enemies approach. But the people of God understood that their ultimate security was in the Lord. That's why David wrote in Psalm 18:2: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer ... my high tower."

People look in so many places for safety and security. Some choose spouses for that reason. Some purchase insurance policies. Some build homes with bunker-like basements and fill them with non-perishable foods. Some have watchdogs and guns. But the truth is, if we want the ultimate in security, we'll bring the Lord into our hearts and lives and homes.

Unlike the unsympathetic wife, you never have to worry about the Lord locking you out.

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