

On the Road Again by Bligh Jones



I think one of the most wonderful things about Presbyterian Women is the opportunity to get to know women from other places. Our Purpose states that we are “to build an inclusive caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.” On more than one occasion I have witnessed God’s kingdom through adventure and mishap.

I was thinking about this last week as I was preparing to go to a PW in the Presbytery planning meeting in Andalusia, Alabama. It is a small town, quite a ways off the interstate. I always plan to take a direct route when traveling . . . but somehow things just happen.

Once, while traveling to Hernando, Mississippi, for a speaking engagement about the 2005 Global Exchange, I almost ran out of state! Traveling west into Mississippi and then heading north, I was convinced I was lost. But I kept driving—and my right front tire kept getting flatter. At last I came to an exit with a service station. My tire was soon changed and the mechanics assured me I was still on course. They were right and I enjoyed meeting some wonderful PWs in Mississippi, and sharing the stories of our Christian

sisters in Brazil. Sometimes a traveling misadventure can be diverted by sticking with the “right” person. I had attended a PW meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, and missed my connecting flight in Atlanta. This is not uncommon. The real problem was that it was the last flight out for the night.

I was lucky that I was traveling with a PW friend that night—Loretta Bradley!

Although a small person, Loretta is packed with power. She leaned on the Delta courtesy counter and, maintaining a smile, explained the situation of two, not-too-young women needing a place for the night. After some time, she wore the attendant down. Thanks to Loretta, we eventually were given a room, vouchers for food and vouchers for a shuttle to the motel. Loretta was a good friend long before that day, but that day she was a *best* friend!

I was thinking about these traveling adventures when I was loading my car for the drive to Andalusia with my friend Shelley. She had printed a map from the internet *and* had GPS on her phone. What could go wrong? The maps got us on the interstate, onto the right state highways and into the town. Then we started listening to the GPS lady. She insisted we needed to keep turning left. And for a while, we did.

I must admit it was kind of fun driving around and around Andalusia’s town square!

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Recipe Name: Sweet Potato Biscuits

Melt butter in a 9" x 11" casserole dish. Separate biscuits and divide each one in half, making 16 rounds. Cut sweet potato rounds in half, making half circles and place one half on each half biscuit and pinch edges of dough together. Place seam side down in butter.

Mix water, sugar and Karo syrup in sauce pan and boil for about 10 minutes. Pour over sweet potato biscuits. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake in 350-degree oven for approximately 25 minutes or until brown.

Serves 16. Very good warmed over.

*Recipe from Diane Pate
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- 1 large can of Pillsbury Grands flaky biscuits
- 1 pkg. frozen sweet potato rounds, thawed
- 1 stick butter
- 2 ½ cups water
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons white Karo syrup
- Cinnamon to taste