Apple Bread Pudding

The pudding can stand by itself or it can be served with ice cream or whipped cream.

Serves 6 to 8

- 4 or 5 T. unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- A 7 or 8 oz. loaf French-style bread, sliced
- 2 Jonagold or Golden Delicious apples, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 3 cups milk (I used 2 cups cream and 1 cup milk)
- 3 eggs
- 1 t. vanilla extract (I used 2 tsp vanilla)
- I tsp cinnamon



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

- 1. Butter a 2 quart casserole or souffle dish and spread the brown sugar evenly over the bottom.
- 2. Butter the bread generously, stack it, and cut it into 2 inch squares.
- 3. Toss the bread with the apples and put them in the casserole on top of the sugar.
- 4. Whisk the milk, eggs, and vanilla together and pour over the bread.
- 5. Bake the pudding 40 to 45 minutes, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.
- 6. Baking time varies with the depth of the baking dish. The brown sugar will have melted into a delicious caramel; be sure to include some of it in each serving.

(I baked this in a water bath, the baking time increased to about an hour.)