Ocracoke Fig Cake

INGREDIENTS

- **3** eggs
- 1 ½ cups sugar or sugar alternative
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon warm water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups fig preserves
- 1 ½ cups chopped walnuts (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. **Prepare**. Pre-heat your oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a Bundt pan, either smooth-sided or fluted
- 2. **Mix wet ingredients**. In a medium bowl, combine eggs, sugar, and vegetable oil and mix well. Pour in buttermilk and continue to mix.
- 3. **Mix dry ingredients.** In a separate bowl, mix flour, salt, and spices. Set aside.
- 4. **Dissolve** baking soda in warm water.
- 5. **Add** dry ingredients to wet ingredients and stir until combined. Add in baking soda and vanilla. Finally, stir in the fig preserves and nuts.
- 6. **Bake** for approximately 1 hour, until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Cool completely before taking out of pan.