

Using the Official **“WHEN WILL TRINA BECOME CO-PASTOR?”** betting pool form is fun and it’s easy.

Here’s how it works:

1. Along the left side of the form fill in the names of the pool participants.
2. Place the amount the person wants to bet in the column of the date they choose. For instance let’s say Deacon Stan Featherstone thinks Trina will become co-pastor during the month of November. Write his name in one of the squares on the left side of the table, follow the row out to the column labeled “Nov 2005” and write \$5 in the square. This notation means that Stan Featherstone is betting \$5 that Trina Jenkins will be named co-pastor during the month of November, 2005. If he wants to increase his chances of winning, he can also choose any other date. The more he bets, the better his chances of winning.
3. Do this for as many people as want to place a bet.
4. Collect the money and keep it in a safe place.
5. When Trina is named co-pastor, take all of the money you collected and divide it evenly among the people who guessed the correct month. If only one person chose the correct date, that person could collect \$45 or more! It’s controlled only by the amount of money each person bets. Think of it as Casino Seed Faith offering.

This is loads of fun and will provide endless hours of speculation. And since the church is following the Bible less and less for direction, you will have a lot of things to speculate about.

A couple of words of warning though: Federal and state authorities do frown on betting pools. So you may not want to publicize this too much. And, if someone does end up winning a substantial amount of money, make sure they claim it as income. Unless, or course, you find a way of laundering it as a Love Offering.

If you like this betting pool, and it proves profitable enough for you, I will glad provide the resources for the next pool. That one will be the **“WHEN DOES FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLENARDEN CHANGE ITS NAME TO INCLUDE THE MONIKER ‘FULL GOSPEL’?”** betting pool. Here’s an inside tip on this one: It should happen about the same time you folks move into that brand-new, fifty million dollar monument/school/church/status symbol.