FirstDay Studio

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One announcement, every screen

How FirstDay Display Pro, Display Lite and Slides work together today, and how FirstDay Sites will connect your website, your members and your worship screens into one system.

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1 Summary

FirstDay is a family of software for churches, made by First Day Studio LLC in Gardendale, Alabama. It began as the announcement board for a single congregation and grew into a worship presentation system. Today it has three products churches can download: **FirstDay Display Pro** for songs, Scripture, slides and announcements; **FirstDay Display Lite** for announcement screens; and **FirstDay Slides**, a free presentation maker for preachers and teachers.

The fourth product, **FirstDay Sites**, is a hosted church website with a member directory, calendar, prayer list and sermon archive. It is built, it is being tested, and it is coming soon. Sites is the hub that ties the family together: an announcement approved once appears on the church website, in the members' area and on every screen in the building, and it comes down everywhere when it ends.

This paper explains what each product does, how they already work together, and exactly what changes when Sites launches. It is honest about what is available now and what is still coming, so you can plan with confidence.

Available today
Display Pro, Display Lite and Slides for 64-bit Windows 10 or 11, with how-to guides and training videos.

Coming soon
FirstDay Sites, the Sermon Uploader and the Sites member app for Android and iPhone.

Already connected
The link to Sites is built into Display Pro and Display Lite now, so current churches are ready on day one.

2 The problem: four copies of everything

Walk into almost any congregation and you'll find the same information kept in at least four places:

- **The website**, updated whenever the one person who knows how finds the time.
- **The bulletin or weekly email**, written by the church office or a volunteer.
- **The slides on the screens**, retyped from the email by whoever runs the projector.
- **A spreadsheet or binder** of members, birthdays and prayer requests.

Every change has to be made four times, usually by different volunteers. Something always gets missed: the event that already happened is still on the lobby TV, the website still shows last month's schedule, and a new member's name is spelled three different ways.

Worship software doesn't fix this, because it was never meant to. Most presentation programs are built for concert stages, and most church websites know nothing about the screens in the building. Add a volunteer team that changes every few months, and a service that cannot stop just because the internet did, and you have the problem FirstDay was built to solve.

> **FirstDay's goal: type it once, and let it reach everywhere it belongs, without ever putting worship at the mercy of an internet connection.**

3 The FirstDay family

Each product works on its own, with its own sign-ins, and they all share one look, so a volunteer who learns one can find their way around the others.

Product	What it does	Where it runs	Status
FirstDay Display Pro	Worship presentation and announcements: song library, Scripture, slide editor, service schedules, stage display, up to 8 audience screens, NDI output and a CCLI song-use report. Includes everything in Lite.	The church's Windows PC; other screens through a web browser on the church network	**Available**
FirstDay Display Lite	Announcement screens fed from the church's email: categories, colors, show-from and show-until dates, welcome and visitor slides, phone editing.	The church's Windows PC	**Available**
FirstDay Slides	Free presentation maker built from Display Pro's own slide editor. Saves .fdslides, PowerPoint, PDF and pictures.	Any Windows 10 or 11 PC	**Available, free**
Phone remote	Move slides and edit announcements from a phone.	Any phone's web browser today; a FirstDay Remote app is on the way	**Included**
FirstDay Sites	Hosted church website, members and directory, announcements with approvals, calendar, prayer list, sermons and podcast, church email, urgent notice.	Hosted by FirstDay; the church's own domain or a firstdaysites.com address	**Coming soon**
FirstDay Sermon Uploader	Watches the recorder's folder, converts recordings to MP3, names them and posts them to Sites.	The sound booth's Windows PC	**With Sites**
Sites member app	Events, sermons, announcements, directory and prayer list in the church's colors.	Android and iPhone	**In testing**

Start small, grow without starting over

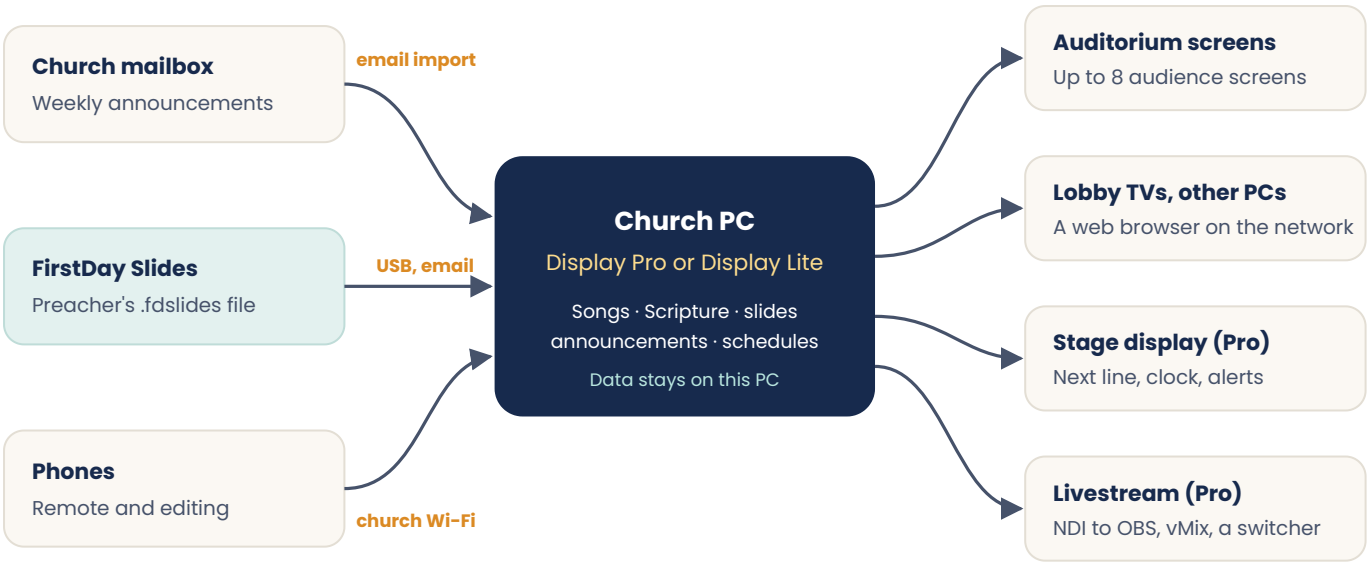
Display Lite and Display Pro use the same announcement board, so a church can start with lobby screens and move up to full worship presentation later. Announcements and slides carry over. Sites adds the website and members when the church is ready, and links to whichever Display edition it already has.

Training for every product

Each product has a printable how-to guide that uses the same button names as the app, and short captioned training videos, on the Help page at firstdaystudio.app/help. The Sites and Sermon Uploader guides and videos are there now as a preview.

4 How the products work together today

Without Sites, FirstDay is built around one Windows PC at the church running Display Pro or Display Lite. Everything comes to that PC, and that PC drives every screen.



FirstDay today: one church PC, many inputs, every screen.

Announcements from email

The church writes its announcements email as usual. Display Pro or Lite reads the church's own mailbox from the church PC, files each item in its category with show-from and show-until dates, and updates every screen. The mailbox password never leaves that computer. Spreadsheet import is there too.

Slides from the preacher

FirstDay Slides uses Display Pro's own editor and drawing code, so a slide built on a laptop is the same slide in the auditorium. The preacher saves one .fdslides file, which holds the pictures and videos too, and it opens in Display Pro with *Presentations > Open slide file*, ready for the service schedule. No internet is needed.

Every screen in the building

The church PC drives its own monitors, and any other TV or computer on the church network can show a screen in a web browser. Display Pro adds a stage display for the song leader, up to 8 named audience screens with their own content, a warning when one stops responding, and NDI output for livestreams.

Phones as remotes

Volunteers move slides and fix announcements from their phones over the church Wi-Fi, with their own sign-in. Each person has an editor or administrator role, and an activity log records who changed what.

5 What changes when FirstDay Sites launches

FirstDay Sites becomes the single place the church keeps its information. Staff approve something once in Sites, and Sites delivers it to the website, the members and the screens. The church PC still runs worship locally; it simply gets its announcements from Sites instead of from someone retyping them.



With FirstDay Sites: approve once, and it reaches the website, the members and every screen.

What moves	From → to	How it works	Pro	Lite
Approved announcements	Sites → screens	Become slides with the same dates as on the website. Replaces email import for Sites churches.	✓	✓
Urgent notice	Sites → screens	A closing or last-minute change shows first, on the website and every linked screen.	✓	✓
Events, birthdays and anniversaries, new members, prayer list	Sites → screens	Optional categories ("Coming Up", "Welcome New Members" and so on), each switched on or off in Sites.	✓	✓
Presentations	Slides → Sites → Pro	Published slides land in that service's schedule; publishing again updates them in place.	✓	–
Songs shown	Pro → Sites	Fill the church's song history on Sites automatically.	✓	–
Screen status	Screens → Sites	Sites lists each linked screen PC with its version and last check-in.	✓	✓
Sermons	Uploader → Sites	Recordings become sermons for the website, the podcast feed and the member app.	Sound booth PC	

Linking takes a minute

An administrator makes a one-time code in Sites (Admin > Screens) and enters it, with the Sites address and a name for the PC, in the FirstDay Sites panel of Display Pro or Display Lite. From then on the screen PC checks Sites every few minutes, and a *Sync now* button is there for the moment you need it. FirstDay Slides and the Sermon Uploader link the same way.

Sites only manages what it sends

Sites takes over only the categories it delivers. Anything else on the board, such as welcome slides, a missions slide or a category kept by hand, stays exactly as the church set it. An item hidden on the board stays hidden. This lets a church adopt Sites gradually instead of all at once.

6 A week with FirstDay

Here is what a normal week looks like for a church using Display Pro and FirstDay Sites together.

MONDAY	The church secretary posts the week's announcements in Sites with start and end dates. They appear on the website right away and reach the lobby TV and auditorium screens within minutes. Nobody touches the screen PC.
TUESDAY	A member emails in an announcement for a ladies' Bible class. It waits in the review queue, a staff member tidies the wording and approves it, and it joins the others everywhere at once.
WEDNESDAY	Members send prayer requests through the members' area. After staff review, the prayer list is visible to signed-in members and, if the church chooses, shows on the screens.
THURSDAY	The preacher finishes the sermon slides at home in FirstDay Slides and clicks Publish. Display Pro puts them into the right service's schedule, and pictures of the slides can appear on the sermon's page.
FRIDAY	Snow is in the forecast. An elder posts an urgent notice from a phone. It's on the website and at the front of every linked screen at the same time.
WORSHIP	The song leader sees the next line and the clock on the stage display, the congregation sees clean lyrics and Scripture, and the lobby TV keeps showing this week's announcements. If the internet drops, nothing on screen changes. Display Pro records each song it shows.
AFTERWARD	The Sermon Uploader on the sound booth PC notices the finished recording, converts it to MP3, names it and posts it to Sites, held for review if the church prefers. The sermon reaches the website, the podcast feed and the member app. The songs used that day are already in the church's song history.

7 Design principles: reliability, security and privacy

Worship never waits on the internet

Display Pro and Display Lite run on the church's own computer and drive the screens over the church's own network. If the internet goes down, worship continues: email import waits for the connection to return, and a board linked to Sites keeps showing its last copy until it can check in again.

Your content stays on your computer

Songs, slides, announcements, accounts and backups live on the church PC, not on our servers. License codes are checked on that computer, and the apps don't send your license code, your church's name or your content to us. Weekly backups can also go to a second folder such as OneDrive or a USB drive.

People review before anything goes public

Announcements members send in wait for staff approval. Sermons from the uploader can be held for review. Prayer requests and the directory are for signed-in members only.

Security built in, and tested

- **Sign-ins for everyone.** Each person has their own account and role in Display Pro, Lite and Sites. Sites offers two-step sign-in, and failed sign-ins are limited.
- **One-time link codes.** A code from Sites works once and expires after 15 minutes. Each linked PC gets its own access, which can be removed from Sites at any time.
- **Protected connections.** Links to Sites use HTTPS; plain connections are allowed only to addresses on the church's own network. A screen PC's access key is stored encrypted.
- **Churches kept apart.** Every kind of record in Sites is tested to make sure one church can never see another's.
- **Reviewed before launch.** Sites and the apps have been through security and bug reviews covering access rules, script injection, forged form posts, disguised uploads and more. Every finding was fixed and is now part of the automated tests.

Honest about the edges

Display Pro and Display Lite are Windows programs today, and Mac versions are being explored. Display Pro's CCLI support is a usage report for your church to enter with CCLI, not automatic submission, because CCLI is not accepting new SongSelect partners; lyrics files downloaded from SongSelect import directly. Your church needs its own CCLI license. Sermon video publishing to YouTube and Facebook is built and waiting on approval from Google and Meta.

8 Editions, licensing and what's next

How licensing works

- **Display Pro and Display Lite** each run with a license code for one church at one location (Pro codes start FD1-, Lite codes FL1-). Request a code by emailing hello@firstdaystudio.app with your church's name.
- **Renewals arrive by themselves** in Display Pro: when a license nears its end date, it picks up the renewed code from the FirstDay website.
- **Upgrade, don't start over.** Lite and Pro share one announcement board, so moving up keeps your announcements and slides.
- **FirstDay Slides is free** and needs no code.
- **FirstDay Sites** will be a hosted subscription. Plans and pricing will be announced before launch.
- Churches that pay by check can ask for an invoice and a W-9.

Current pricing is always at firstdaystudio.app/#pricing.

What's next

These are our plans, not promises. We announce dates when they're ready.

Coming	Status
FirstDay Sites and the Sermon Uploader	Coming soon
Sites member app for Android and iPhone	In testing
FirstDay Remote app for phones	In testing
FirstDay Slides for Android, Mac, iPhone and iPad	On the way
Sermon video to YouTube and Facebook	Awaiting approval
Pro outputs: alternate outputs and alpha key	Planned
Multi-PC sync for split rooms and overflow	Planned

Get started

1. Download Display Pro, Display Lite or the free FirstDay Slides at **firstdaystudio.app**.
2. Email **hello@firstdaystudio.app** with your church's name for a license code.
3. Follow the setup guide, then the how-to guide and training videos at **firstdaystudio.app/help**.

Help shape FirstDay

We build what congregations tell us they need. Our short survey asks what your church uses today for announcements, worship slides and its website, and what you'd change. Find it on the Help page at **firstdaystudio.app/help**.

Setup and training help, song library import and display hardware advice are available on request.

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