

# KENNA TURNER WEST



International Singer and Speaker  
Author • Columnist  
Board-Certified Counselor  
SGM Songwriter of the Year • Dove Award Nominee  
GMA Hall of Fame member

Kenna Turner West's career in gospel music began in 1983 when, as a new Believer, the eighteen year-old joined the nine-time **Grammy Award**-winning **Blackwood Brothers**. (\**The Blackwood Brothers were inducted into the **GMA Hall of Fame** in 1998, placing Kenna and her father, Ken, alongside gospel music legends James Blackwood and J.D. Sumner as fellow Blackwood alumni.*) Over twenty-five years later, God has continued to open doors for Kenna to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ across the nation and around the world, alongside Christian leaders such as **Franklin Graham** and **Dr. Jerry Falwell**, at venues ranging from **The Pentagon** to **NASCAR** chapels to the local church.



Though anchored in Christian music—working with artists such as **Amy Grant, Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, BB & CC Winans, Charles Billingsley, Anthony Burger, The Cathedrals, Carman, Howard and Vestal Goodman, The Talleys**, and producers **Don Potter** and **Paul Overstreet**—Kenna also performs country as well as big band music, garnering several **Cammy Award** nominations ("Female Vocalist of the Year" and "Favorite New Artist") for her #1 big band single, *Who Wouldn't Love You*. She is both a sought-after producer and session singer, recording national radio jingles for companies like Pizza Hut and Window World.

In 2001, after years of primarily being a vocalist, Kenna began penning songs for **The Spring Hill Music Group**, owned in part by gospel music icon **Bill Gaither**. Her first single, *We're Not Gonna Bow*, was recorded by **Jeff and Sheri Easter** and became a #1 hit, giving Kenna her first **Dove Award** nomination. Within four years, she was voted the **SGM Songwriter of the Year**.

Kenna's songs have graced over a dozen Dove Award-nominated projects. Some of her more recognizable cuts are—

- **The Talley Trio-** *Red Letter Day, That's Why I Believe*
- **Ivan Parker-** *Mercy*
- **Brian Free and Assurance-** *Keeping the Old Man Down, You've Got to Pray*
- **The Hoppers-** *We Are America*
- **Legacy 5-** *Faithful to the Cross*
- **Lauren Talley-** *The Extra Mile*
- **Mike and Kelly Bowling-** *Tell Them, This Is Your Moment*
- **Karen Peck and New River-** *A Taste of Grace, Walk in Triumph, Get About God's Business*
- **Best of Friends** [Joyce Martin, Karen Peck, and Sheri Easter]- *If She Could, I'm a Mom, It's In the Attitude*
- **Lordsong-** *His Love is Greater*
- **Susie Luchsinger-** *Count it All Joy*
- **Larry Ford-** *We Are America, Get About God's Business*
- **The Mike Lefevre Quartet-** *Big Mighty God, Nothin' But Good, Glorious, Take My Life*

In 2007, Kenna signed with **Word Entertainment/Warner Brothers**, broadening her catalog of songs that include praise and worship, gospel, inspirational, adult contemporary, country, and choral, with titles produced by **Larry Goss** and **Russell Mauldin**. In 2009, she received a second **Dove Award** nomination for the song, *Big Mighty God*.

Recently, the Liberty graduate and board-certified counselor penned her first book entitled ***Finding the Good and Seeing His Glory***, which explores the sufficiency of God's grace in adversity.



"She is simply one of the best in the business."

—**Les Butler**, Director of Business Operations, *Singing News Magazine*

"Kenna Turner West writes like she lives and sings—with all her heart!"

—**Dr. Jerry Falwell**, former President and Chancellor, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia



*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."*

—2 Corinthians 5:17-19

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