



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

Her songs have graced over a dozen **Dove Award**-nominated recordings. She's the daughter-in-law of country music legend **Dottie West** and the daughter of former **Blackwood Brothers** member **Ken Turner**. For over twenty years, Kenna Turner West has blended music, devotional teaching, and humor into a ministry that has reached across the country and around the world, serving alongside Christian leaders such as **Franklin Graham** and **Dr. Jerry Falwell**, at venues ranging from **The Pentagon** to **NASCAR** chapels to the local church.

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

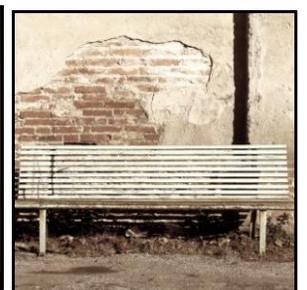
—**Les Butler**, Director of Business Operations, *Singing News Magazine*

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

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

"I love Kenna! Her vibrant spirit, soul-stirring music,
and way of presenting truths have been an incredible blessing to me."

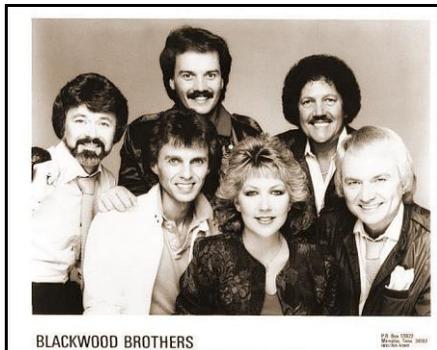
—**Dr. Jay Dennis**, Pastor, television host, author of six books including *The Jesus Habits* and *The Prayer Experiment*





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.



(photo: building a church in Brazil)

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.



(photo: The Wests with Dr. Jerry Falwell)

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**.

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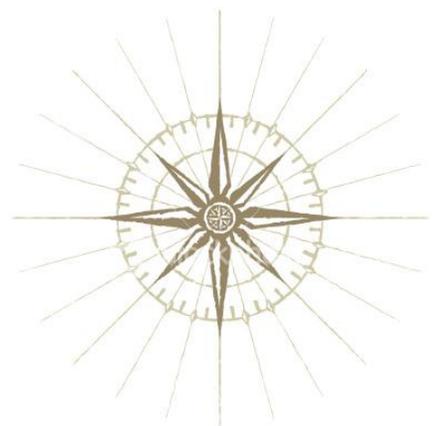
- **The Talley Trio-** *Red Letter Day, That's Why I Believe*
- **Ivan Parker-** *Mercy*
- **Brian Free and Assurance-** *Keeping the Old Man Down, You've Got to Pray*
- **The Hoppers-** *We Are America*
- **Lauren Talley-** *The Extra Mile*
- **Larry Ford-** *We Are America, Get About God's Business*
- **Legacy 5-** *Faithful to the Cross*
- **Lordsong-** *His Love is Greater*
- **Mike and Kelly Bowling-** *Tell Them, This Is Your Moment*

- **Legacy 5-** *Faithful to the Cross*
- **Karen Peck and New River-** *A Taste of Grace, Walk in Triumph, Get About God's Business*
- **Susie Luchsinger-** *Count it All Joy*
- **Best of Friends** [Joyce Martin, Karen Peck, and Sheri Easter]- *If She Could, I'm a Mom, The High Road, It's in the Attitude*
- **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*.

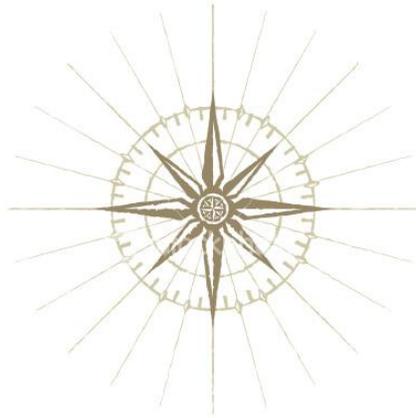


Recently, the Liberty graduate and board-certified counselor penned her first book entitled ***Finding the Good and Seeing His Glory***, which explores the sufficiency of God's grace in adversity.



Mission:

"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



Endorsements:

"Kenna West is a breath of fresh air! In all of my years in ministry, I have seen very few with her passion, love for life, and strong desire for the things of the Lord. She is truly a blessing to everyone she meets, and is one of the most gifted speakers and songwriter/singers that I have met."
—**Pastor Bob Beeman**, Sanctuary International

"Kenna West loves the Lord enthusiastically, and her enthusiasm is contagious. Blessed with a beautiful voice and a sharp wit, she presents a powerful message in her music as both a songwriter and performer."
—**Rob Shearer**, Publisher, Greenleaf Press

"Kenna brings a tremendous amount of encouragement and energy to our chapel services at the Winston Cup. I have watched our community grow to respect her as a person, wife, and mom. Her day-to-day message and penetrating lyrics make her music and message relevant to the people served by MRO."
—**Dale Beaver**, NASCAR Chaplain, Motor Racing Outreach

"Kenna is the real deal. She is extremely talented, absolutely hilarious, and best of all, performing for the Glory of the Lord. She brings the house down!!!"
—**Buddy Newsome**, Director, F.A.I.T.H. Riders Motorcycle Ministry

"Kenna is more than just a wonderful person. Whatever she does, she does with all her heart. You will never meet anyone quite like her, and you will be a better person for having done so."
—**Phil Johnson**, Director of A&R, Spring Hill Music Group

"It is not only the 'green pastures' and 'still waters' she captures, but the 'valley of the shadow.'"
—**Charles Simpson**, Editor, *One-to-One* Magazine, contributor to *The Spirit Filled Life Bible*

"Kenna's words are deep, creative, and powerful."
—**Pam Farrel**, International speaker, best-selling author of *Men Are Like Waffles And Women Are Like Spaghetti*

"Kenna has really touched the hearts of the drivers, crews, and families with her personal approach and powerful testimony."
—**Billy Mauldin**, CEO, Motor Racing Outreach, NASCAR

"What a wonderful talent."
—**Ivan Parker**, Award-winning gospel singer